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## The Joseph Dodge Farm by Jonathan W. Stevens

On June 17, 1797, Joseph Dodge Jr. of Hancock, N.H., purchased Lot 9 in the 5<sup>th</sup> Range in Andover, from Jonathan Putnam (1770-1839) who moved to Andover from Wilton, N.H. in 1795 settling on Lot 11 in the 5<sup>th</sup> Range. Joseph Dodge, son of Joseph and Molly (Ritter) Dodge, was born in Shirley, Mass., on August 14, 1770. He married Elizabeth "Betsey" Putnam in Wilton, N.H., on February 22, 1798, by Rev. Abel Fiske. Elizabeth, daughter of Nathaniel and Mary (Eastman) Putnam, was born in Wilton, N.H., on April 25, 1772 and was the younger sister of Jonathan and Peter Putnam, who settled on settling on Lot 10 in the 5<sup>th</sup> Range. Joseph and Elizabeth "Betsey" (Putnam) Dodge had the following children born in Andover: **Betsy Dodge** born on December 29, 1798 and died in Fort Wayne, Indiana, on February 7, 1882 and was buried in Lindenwood Cemetery in Fort Wayne. She married Asa Pierce son of Benjamin and Dorcas (Lovejoy) Pierce in Andover, on January 29, 1818. **Joseph Dodge** born May 27, 1800. Joseph married Celinda Hazeltine. [*They are discussed below*] **Nathaniel Putnam Dodge** born March 20, 1802 and died in Boston, Mass., on May 30, 1846 and was buried in Forest Hills Cemetery in Jamaica Plain, Mass. Nathaniel married Lucy Gilmore of Weston, the daughter Asa and Lucy (Dodge) Gilmore in Weston, on December 28, 1826. Nathaniel served as Andover's Town Clerk from 1829 to 1832. **Persis Dodge** born December 30, 1803 and died in Williston, October 21, 1847 of consumption. She married John Parkhurst Beckwith. **Polly Dodge** born March 14, 1806, who died young. **Eliza Dodge** born March 10, 1808 and died in Weston, on March 2, 1870. She married Hugh Henry Gilmore of Weston, the son Asa and Lucy (Dodge) Gilmore in Andover, on August 30, 1827. They both are buried in Maple Grove Cemetery in Weston. **Mary Eastman Dodge** born July 4, 1810 and died in Mt. Tabor, on August 26, 1864 and was buried in Middletown Cemetery. She married Ebenezer Hutchinson Jr. son of Ebenezer and Asenath (Warner) Hutchinson. **Parynthia Dodge** born July 28, 1812 and died in Andover, on October 18, 1856 and was buried in Middletown Cemetery. She married Moses Warner Hutchinson son of Ebenezer and Asenath (Warner) Hutchinson in Andover, on October 6, 1831.

The original Joseph Dodge, Jr. house was located along the old road commonly referred to as "Broadway," that was laid out on October 24, 1798, from "the road to Chester, east of the bridge over Lyman Brook" to the road "leading to Chester by Zimri Sherwin's." The Sherwin property, was a portion of Lot 10 in the 5<sup>th</sup> Range was later part of the Peter Putnam / George Washington Putnam (now Forbes) place. On June 16, 1806, a road was laid out from the northwest corner of Joseph Dodge Jr.'s south 34° 10' west 246 rods to the east side of the county road near Benjamin Pierce's dwelling house (on Markham Mountain Rd.). Joseph subsequently purchased the east half of Lot 9 in the 6<sup>th</sup> Range. The deed has not been found, but it was between January 26, 1803, when Wallace Little was listed as the property owner for a vendue for the county road tax and on December 29, 1807, when Joseph Dodge, Jr., is on the list for the one cent per acre tax for the construction of the State Prison in Windsor granted by the Legislature, at their October Session in 1807. The second Dodge place, was located on this lot, at the junction of the above mentioned 1806 road and the current Lyman Brook or Middletown Road, which was laid out on September 26, 1822.

Joseph Dodge, Jr. served as a selectman from 1807 through 1811. He also held other town offices including: trustee of schools, lister, petit juror, grand juror and surveyor of highways. In addition, he served as the Proprietors' Clerk of the Middletown Meeting House. In 1815, the 4<sup>th</sup> School District (Middletown), decided to build a new schoolhouse, 24 feet square of brick, on a "site between William D. Reed's horse shed and his east line north of the road." Cyrus Smith, Joseph Stickney, Dr. C.W. Chandler, Joel Balch and Lewis Reed were appointed to supervise its building. At a meeting of the inhabitants of the district on April 1, 1815, Cyrus Smith was appointed vendue master, to vend the lots for building and finish the schoolhouse. Among the various items that were put out for bid at the vendue, Joseph Dodge bid \$23 "to find stuff, make the coving, window frames and sashes, make and case the door, find paint and prime them and find putty and set the glass."

Joseph Dodge Jr. became known as Joseph Dodge Senior, after the death of his father on August 2, 1822, at the age of 76 years. On February 6, 1828, Joseph Dodge Sr. sold to his son Joseph Dodge Jr., Lot 9 in the 5<sup>th</sup> Range and the east half of Lot 9 in the 6<sup>th</sup> Range. The sale also included: "my cart, wagons, ploughs, harrow, sleds and sleighs, together with all my other farming carpenter and joiner tools and also all my right in the winnowing mill and straw cutter. Also, all my wagon and sleigh harnesses." On the same date, Joseph Dodge Jr. agreed that he "shall well and truly fulfill a certain bond or obligation given to the said Joseph Dodge for the support of him and Elizabeth his wife."

Even though Joseph Dodge Sr., had divested himself of his home farm in Andover, on February 6, 1833, he purchased from Edith Parkhurst of Andover about 60 acres of land northeast of Little Pond in Londonderry, south of the Andover line.

On January 17, 1832, Joseph Dodge, Jr. married Celinda Hazeltine in Rockingham, by A.S. Campbell, Justice of the Peace. Celinda, daughter of Jonas and Rachel (Wood) Hazeltine, was born in Rockingham, on October 14, 1803. Joseph and Celinda had four sons all born in Andover: **Leonard Hazeltine Dodge** born February 9, 1833 and died in Morse Bluff, Nebraska, on April 17, 1896 and was buried in Fleming Cemetery. He married Martha Preston. **John Parker Dodge** born September 7, 1834 and died in Bohemia, Nebraska, on September 16, 1901 was buried in Czech National aka Killian Cemetery. He married Mary Chermack, who was born in Bohemia (now part of the Czech Republic), in Saunders Co., Nebraska, on September 6, 1874. **Nathaniel Putnam Dodge** born August 27, 1838 and died in North Bend, Dodge Co., Nebraska, on May 18, 1896 and was buried in Woodlawn Cemetery in Cotterell Township. He married Emma S. Belden of Springfield, in Ludlow, on December 17, 1864. Nathaniel served in the Civil War Co. C, 16th VT Infantry. **Joseph Hiland Dodge** born January 11, 1844. [*He is discussed below.*]

Joseph Dodge Jr. eventually enlarged the farm that he had purchased from his father. On September 29, 1841, he purchased from the widowed sisters: Thankful (Walker) Lampson and Rachel (Walker) Burnap, a parcel north of his property described as "being a part of Lot 10 in the 6<sup>th</sup> Range of lots in Andover lying South of the road locally referred to as the "Rail Road," from Dr. C. W. Chandler's to Simonsville bounded north by the road, west by land owned by Pierce Walker, south by the south line of said lot, estimated at four acres be the same more or less." This was followed by another purchase on January 28, 1842, from his brother in-law Ebenezer Hutchinson Jr., a parcel of land described as "being the whole of Lot 8 in the 6<sup>th</sup> Range of lots in Andover lying west of the road leading from Lyman Parker's (the former Benjamin Pierce place off Markham Mountain Rd.) to Andover Center." The road referred to here is the previously mentioned road that was laid out in 1806. A fourth parcel was added on December 7, 1846 when he purchased from Obadiah Parker. Described as "being part of Lot 9 in the 6<sup>th</sup> Range, beginning on the north line of said lot at the corner of land deeded to Pierce Walker by Joel Balch Administrator of the estate of Sampson Walker being said Pierce Walker's southeast corner, thence eastwardly on the north line of said lot, 12 ½ rods to the northeast corner of my farm, thence southerly on my east line 18 rods to a stake and stones for a corner thence north 15 degrees west 26 ½ rods to the bounds first began at, containing about 100 square rods of land.

Elizabeth "Betsey" (Putnam) Dodge died on December 9, 1845 at the age of 73 years. Joseph Dodge Sr. died a few years later on March 29, 1848 at the age of 77 years. Both were buried in Middletown Cemetery. Joseph Dodge Sr. died intestate and on April 13, 1848, his son Joseph Dodge Jr. was appointed administrator, with his son in-law Ebenezer Hutchinson acting as surety. George W. Stickney and Henry Heald, both of Andover were appointed commissioners to inventory the estate. There were three small claims against the estate from: Asa Parker, H.P. Kimball and John B. Manning. The estate consisted of the personal property, plus the "Parkhurst Lot" in Londonderry and Pews No. 10 and 20 in the Congregational Meeting House in Andover. The commissioners' notice was posted in four public places: the store of John B. Manning in Andover, the Inn of Alvah Hazeltine in Andover (now Rowell's Inn), the Inn of James Taylor in Weston and the Inn of R.A. Deming in Chester and ran three weeks successively in the *Genius of Liberty* published in Ludlow. The inventory consisted of "two bedsteads, beds, & bedding, two women's dresses, one overcoat of deceased, one dress coat, a pair of pantaloons, the rest of the deceased's clothes, table cloths, towels, light stand & cloth, table, six chairs, a chest, a case of draws, knives and forks, two decanters, ten plates, three bowls, six silver teaspoons, one cream pot, one box, one steelyard, one spider, one dinner pot, one kettle, one skillet, shovel & tongs, one hand axe, warming pan, 60 lbs. of old iron, baskets, looking glass, two pair of silver bowed spectacles, wallet, relic of Masonry or badge of office, three sheep and cash on hand. The heirs of the estate who resided in Vermont decided that "it would be beneficial to all persons' interest in the estate aforesaid, that the whole of the Personal Estate of the said Joseph Dodge, deceased, should be disposed of, although the same may not be necessary to pay debts and charges." On September 28, 1848, an auction was held at the Dodge house to sell the personal estate. On April 13, 1849, Joseph Dodge Jr., "the administrator of the goods and chattels and which were of Joseph Dodge late of Andover deceased," sold the Londonderry property the "Parkhurst Lot" to Daniel French of Andover, described as north by the south line of the town of Andover, east by the land of Thomas Smith, south by the Ingalls Farm so called and a gore of land belonging to the Estate of Daniel Cobb and west by land of Mason Clough."

After the death of the elder Joseph Dodge and the administration of his estate, Joseph Dodge Jr., became known simply as Joseph Dodge and on February 21, 1851, Joseph and Celinda mortgaged their farm to Abner Field

(1793-1864) of North Springfield. Field, a native of Chester, was a successful business man who got his start in mercantile life at the age of 25 at the store of Peter Adams on East Hill in Andover. He was later in trade with Nathaniel Fullerton of Chester and in 1831 located in North Springfield and opened a store in partnership with Sylvester Burke.

Joseph Dodge served as Andover Town Clerk from 1837-1847. John Bradstreet Manning (1799-1872), who had been assistant town clerk was elected at town meeting in 1847, and Joseph became his assistant. Joseph was also the assistant to Manning's successor George Washington Putnam (1798-1873). Joseph again served as clerk, when he was appointed to the office in April 1862, upon the resignation of Alonzo Clinton Gutterson (1830-1890), who moved to Owatonna, Minnesota. Joseph was elected at the town meeting in 1863, but due to his failing health did not run in 1864 and Joel Collins Pettengill (1836-1909) was elected. Joseph Dodge also served as Andover Town Treasurer in 1833 and 1834 and selectman 1837-1840, 1842-1846, 1848-50, 1853-54, 1860-1863. Other town offices that he held included: auditor, fence viewer, grand juror, lister and town agent. He was also a Justice of the Peace from the 1830s through the 1860s. On the front cover of this report is his Justice of the Peace commission from 1862. He was Andover's representative to the General Assembly, 1838-40, 1844-45 and 1853 as a Whig, and 1862-63 as a Republican. He was a delegate to two of the Vermont Constitutional Conventions, one in 1843 and another in 1857. He also served as an assistant or side judge of the Windsor County Court.

For unknown reasons, Joseph Dodge decided to sell his farm in 1858, and he placed an ad in *The Vermont Journal*, published in Windsor. The March 27, 1858 issue ran the following ad: "Farm for Sale. The undersigned offers his Farm situated about half a mile south of the centre [*sic*] of Andover on the stage road leading from Simonsville to Weston, for sale. Said farm contains about 250 acres, conveniently divided into mowing, tillage, pasturing and woodland; and is well adapted to keep Sheep or for a Dairy. There are upon the premises a dwelling-house, woodshed, three barns, a wagon-house, and turning-shop. Also, a good fruit and sugar orchard. The farm is well fenced and well-watered. The house and barn are supplied by a never-failing spring of soft water. Possession will be given to suit purchaser, payment easy. Andover, March 1, 1858 Joseph Dodge." Joseph did not sell the farm, perhaps he didn't get his price or had second thoughts about selling the place where he had lived for most of his life.

At the annual meeting of the Windsor County Temperance Society, held in Woodstock on February 19, 1858, Joseph Dodge was appointed as the committee member from Andover, to distribute ballots, etc., on the day of election. He was reappointed to the position on February 19, 1859.

At a town meeting held on June 4, 1861, it was voted to "recommend some person to the Governor of the State as an agent of the soldier families who have volunteers from this town, to look after the wants of such families and draw for them from the State Treasury from \$7 per month fund paid said soldiers." It was voted to recommend Joseph Dodge as such agent and have the clerk inform the Governor of such selection and request his appointment."

*The Vermont Journal* noted on October 31, 1863, that "Mr. Joseph Dodge, Representative from Andover, experienced a paralytic shock recently, while at his boarding place in Montpelier, and has been excused from further attendance this session. We hope his indisposition may prove of short duration." This was the end of his legislative career, but he continued as Andover's town clerk until town meeting in March of 1864.

On June 21, 1865, Joseph and Celinda sold the farm to their youngest son Joseph Hiland Dodge. Included with the deed was a maintenance agreement and a bond that stated that "J.H. Dodge my heirs executors or administrators do and shall well and faithfully maintain and support the said Joseph Dodge and Celinda Dodge his wife during their natural lives, and that of the survivor of them according to the written Bond or obligation in all its several parts, then this deed to be void, otherwise the same is to be and remain in full force and virtue. said J. Hiland Dodge, shall well and faithfully maintain and support the said Joseph Dodge and Celinda Dodge his wife during their life or the life of the longest liver of them by furnishing them with proper house room, firewood well fitted for use, lights, washing clothing, clothing, nursing and doctoring when sick or infirm, beds and bedding or whatever or maybe necessary for their use besides the furniture reserved in the deed above referred to, wholesome and sufficient food, furnish a team suitable for persons of their age for their use whenever they may wish to use one and other necessary articles for their comfort and convenience, to correspond with their former customs and manner of living and as age and infirmity may advance upon then, during said term of life; and shall pay all the just debts now outstanding or unpaid against said Joseph, and at their decease shall furnish each with a decent Christian burial and erect suitable and respectable Gravestones at their graves, and furnish them with ten dollars for pocket money, each and every year during said term provided they shall call for that amount within

each year then this obligation shall be void, but in default thereof, the same shall be and remain in full force and virtue.”

Joseph Dodge died on December 9, 1865 of paralysis at the age of 65. His funeral was held two days later, and he was buried in Middletown Cemetery. His gravestone no longer marks his exact burying place, as it fell over and has been propped up against a tree on the south stonewall for a number of years.

Joseph Hiland Dodge sold the family farm to Franklin Howe, on March 21, 1866, though he retained the right of possession for over a year, until April 1, 1867. The farm was still encumbered by the 1851 mortgage to Abner Field of North Springfield, which Howe “assumed and promised to pay as a part of the purchase money.” The mortgage was not discharged until December 3, 1868, by Walbridge Abner Field and Fredrick Griswold Field, sons of and Co-Administrators of the Estate of Abner Field late of North Springfield, deceased.

Joseph Hiland Dodge died in the two-story brick house of his aunt Hannah (Hazeltine) Jaquith (1787-1878), his mother Celinda’s eldest sister, and the widow of Joshua Jaquith, Jr. (1789-1840), on the Simonsville Rd., on January 24, 1870 of consumption. Hiland had just turned 26 years old. The Ludlow column in the *Rutland Herald*, on February 2, 1870, noted that “for about two years, beginning in 1866, he was a resident of Ludlow, being some portion of the time a student in the academy and the remainder pursuing legal studies under the direction of Sewell Fullam, Esq. As a student he was notable for the most scrupulous exactness in performing all requirements, clearness of conception and understanding, and an unusual power of logical analysis. From Ludlow he removed to Nashua, N.H., in the spring of 1868, entering the office of Barrett & Atherton. In 1869, he entered Law School at Albany, N.Y. We have no record of his progress except that he graduated and was admitted to the Bar at the December term of the Windsor County Court. Thence he returned to his native town with health impaired by too close application, and as it proved, to die.” The *Bellows Falls Times*, on February 11, 1870, noted that he “had intended to have gone to Nebraska in January and open a law office, but was taken sick, and died of quick consumption, lamented by all who knew him.” The *Vermont Journal* noted that he “was a young man of fine talents and scholarship, amiable disposition, exemplary morals and pleasing manners. His loss is deeply felt by his widowed mother and a large circle of friends.” Joseph Hiland Dodge was buried in the Dodge family plot in the back of Middletown Cemetery. His gravestone contains the inscription “Passed to Spirit Life,” which is a reference to Spiritualism.

The remaining members of Joseph Dodge’s family had moved to Nebraska in the 1860s. In 1870 Celinda resided in the household of her son John P. Dodge in Township 17 in Range 5 (now Bohemia), Saunders Co., Nebraska. Leonard H. Dodge and his family, and Nathaniel P. Dodge and his wife were living in Township 17 in Range 6 (now Morse Bluff), Saunders Co., Nebraska. By 1880 John P. Dodge had married Mary Chermak and he and his mother were two separate households in “Bohemia Precinct.” Celinda’s household included a servant John Holanek, who was a native of Bohemia. The *Vermont Tribune*, on March 2, 1883, ran a death notice “North Bend, Nebraska, Feb. 17<sup>th</sup>, Celinda Dodge, widow of the late Joseph Dodge of Andover, aged 80 years.” Celinda was buried in the Fleming Cemetery in Morse Bluff.

Even though this branch of the Dodge family had moved to Nebraska, Leonard H. Dodge did make a return visit to Andover in 1890. Both *The Vermont Tribune* and the *Springfield Reporter*, on August 22, 1890, mentioned “among the visitors in town the past week” was “Leonard H. Dodge of Morse Bluff, Nebraska at L. Jaquith’s.” This referred to Lucius Jaquith (1823-1902), son of Joshua and Hannah (Hazeltine) Jaquith, who was Leonard’s first cousin. The Simonsville column in *The Tribune*, mentioned that “Leonard Dodge, after an absence of nearly thirty years in Nebraska came to town, last week Friday.”

The impact of the Dodge family on Andover’s history cannot be overstated. This article details just one of the branches of the family. Even though the family moved away, they left an indelible mark on the town.

**2019 ANDOVER TOWN OFFICERS**

Office	Term	Elected Official	Term Expires
Moderator	One year	Jonathan Bliss	06/30/2020
Town Clerk	Three years	Jeanette Haight	2020
Treasurer	One year	Jeanette Haight	2020
Tax Collector	One year	Jeanette Haight	2020
Select Board	Three years	Mark Gordon	2020
		Maddy Bodin	2021
		Chris Plumb	2022
Select Board	One year	Barry Williams** <b>not seeking re-election</b>	2020
		Jed LaPrise	2020
Auditors	Three years	William Jessup** <b>not seeking re-election</b>	2020
		Wendell Perkins - appointed	2021
		Cindy Ingersoll	2022
Listers	Three years	Francesca Salazar	2020
		Lisa Ryan	2021
		Leonidas Salazar	2022
Cemetery Commissioners	Three years	Nicholas Baker	2020
		Robert Hale	2021
		Hank Mauti	2022
Sexton		Hank Mauti	2020
Constable		Al Peters	2020
Agent to Prosecute & Defend Suits	One year	Jonathan Bliss	2020
Justices of the Peace	Two years	Reino Bergquist	2021
		Jonathan Bliss	2021
		Raymond Makul	2021
		Alan Plumb	2021
		Ron Theissen	2021

**TOWN OFFICERS APPOINTED BY THE SELECT BOARD & TOWN CLERK**

<b>Office</b>	<b>Appointed Official</b>	<b>Term Expires</b>
<b>Assistant Clerk</b>	<b>Jonathan Stevens</b>	<b>2020</b>
Civil Defense Coordinator	Chris Plumb	2020
Fence Viewer	Barry Williams	2020
Weigher of Coal	Mark Gordon	2020
Tree Warden	Alan Plumb	2023
Inspector of Lumber, Shingles, & Wood	Alan Plumb	2020
Town Fire Warden	Alan Plumb	2020
Council on Aging Rep	Francesca Salazar	2020
Select Board Clerk	Jeanette Haight	2020
Emergency Mgmt Coordinator	Chris Plumb	2020
Environmental Officer	Andover Board of Health	2020
Green-Up Chairman	Chairman of the Project Committee	2020
<b>Agency of Transportation Rep</b>	Charles Golden	2020
VT Solid Waste District Rep	H. Joseph Fromberger	2020
<b>ZBA/Planning Commission</b>	Alan Plumb	Dec. 2020
	H. Joseph Fromberger	Dec. 2020
	Janet Albrecht	Dec. 2021
	Richard Ingersoll	Dec. 2021
	Charles Golden	Dec. 2021
	James Stack	Dec. 2022
	Carmen Macchia	Dec. 2022
	Lenore Szuchman	Dec. 2023
	Gary Lundberg	Dec. 2023
<b>Regional Planning Rep</b>	H. Joseph Fromberger	2020
Zoning Administrator	Chris Walker	2021
Health Officer	Mark O'Meara	2021
Deputy Health Officer	Jean Farrell	2021

*Section I*

***WARNINGS***

***TOWN MEETING***

***REPORTS***

***REPORT OF THE***

***SELECTBOARD***

**WARNING  
TOWN OF ANDOVER  
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING  
February 29, 2020**

To the inhabitants of the Town of Andover, in the County of Windsor and the State of Vermont, qualified to vote in Town affairs:

You are hereby warned to meet at the Town Hall in Andover on Saturday, February 29, 2020 at 10:00 A.M. in the morning to act on the following items:

1. To choose a Moderator for a term to end June 30, 2021.
2. To hear and act on the Auditors' Report.
3. To elect the following Town Officers for these positions:

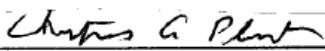
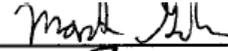
Position	Term Length	Currently Held By		Position	Term Length	Currently Held By
Select Board	3 Years	Mark Gordon		Town Treasurer	1 Year	Jeanette Haight
Select Board	1 Year	Jed LaPrise		Tax Collector	1 Year	Jeanette Haight
Select Board	1 Year	Barry Williams*		Sexton	1 Year	Hank Mauti
Auditor	3 Years	Bill Jessup**		Cemetery Commissioner	3 Years	Nick Baker
Town Clerk	3 Years	Jeanette Haight		Agent to Prosecute	1 Year	Jon Bliss
Lister	3 Years	Francesca Salazar		Constable	1 Year	Al Peters

\*Barry Williams is not seeking re-election

\*\* Bill Jessup is not seeking re-election

4. To see if the Town will have all taxes paid into the Treasury as provided by law; and if so, to authorize the Select Board to establish a payment schedule.
5. To see when the Town will hold Town Meeting in 2021. (February 27, 2021 is the Saturday prior to traditional Town Meeting Day).
6. Explanation of the Town Budget, including a budgeted amount for Law Enforcement which the Select Board is seeking voter feedback on.
7. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate a sum of \$750 to support The Collaborative.
8. To see if the Town will authorize the Select Board to distribute the surplus as described in Article #6.
9. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate a sum of money to meet the expenses and liabilities of the Town.
10. To do any other nonbinding business proper to be done at said meeting including any questions/discussion about the GMUSD Budget which will be put to the voters on Tuesday, March 3, 2020.

Dated at Andover, Vermont this 13th day of January, 2020.


**Andover Select Board**

**TOWN OF ANDOVER**  
**SUMMARY OF ANNUAL TOWN MEETING**  
**March 2, 2019**

Moderator Jonathan Bliss began by asking the two youngest people in the room to raise their hands and then for a show of hands for whom this was their first Town Meeting. He asked how many had lived in Andover less than five years. Jon asked who has lived in town the longest. Alan Plumb said he has lived in Andover for 75 years. Jon urged everyone to provide feedback and think of ways to get more people to attend Town Meeting. Jon asked everyone to stand and say the Pledge of Allegiance. He then called Town Meeting to order at 10:05 a.m. and read the warning.

**Article 1.** Joe Fromberger nominated Jonathan Bliss to serve as Moderator for a term of one year beginning July 1, 2019 and ending June 30, 2020. There being no further nominations Joe Fromberger moved that nominations be closed and the Clerk cast one ballot for Jonathan Bliss. So moved.

**Article 2.** Cindy Ingersoll read the Auditors' report as printed in the Town Report. Peter Huyler moved to accept the report as written. Gerry Williams seconded. So moved.

**Article 3.** Election of Town Officers:

**Town Treasurer (1 yr)**– Joe Fromberger nominated Jeanette Haight. Jean Peters seconded. So moved.

**Select Board (3 yr)** – After a brief explanation, Joe Fromberger suggested voting on one position at a time. Jean Peters nominated Chris Plumb. There being no further nominations, Joe Fromberger moved that nominations be closed and the Clerk cast one ballot for Chris Plumb. So moved.

**Select Board (1 yr)** – Theresa Hatin nominated Barry Williams. There being no further nominations, Joe Fromberger moved that nominations be closed and the Clerk cast one ballot for Barry Williams. So moved.

**Select Board (1 yr)** – Peter Huyler nominated Jed LaPrise. Jon asked him to stand and share four things about himself by way of introduction. Jean Peters seconded the nomination. So moved.

**Lister (3 yr)** - Elizabeth Peters asked for an explanation of the Lister position. Leo provided the requested explanation. Jean Peters then nominated Leo Salazar. There being no further nominations, Joe Fromberger moved that nominations be closed and the Clerk cast one ballot for Leo Salazar. So moved.

**Tax Collector (1 yr)**– Robert Hale nominated Jeanette Haight. There being no further nominations, Joe Fromberger moved that nominations be closed and the Moderator cast one ballot for Jeanette Haight. So moved.

**Auditor (3 yr)** – Jon asked for nominations for the Auditor position. Gerry Williams asked who is currently serving as auditors. Jeanette Haight provided that information. Maddy Bodin nominated Cindy Ingersoll. Joe Fromberger moved that nominations be closed and the clerk cast one ballot for Cindy Ingersoll. So moved.

**Constable (1 yr)** - Jean Peters nominated Al Peters. There being no further nominations, Joe Fromberger moved that nominations be closed and the Clerk cast one ballot for Al Peters. So moved.

**Agent to Prosecute (1 yr)** - Per request, Joe Fromberger provided a brief explanation of this position. Joe then nominated Jon Bliss. There being no further nominations, Joe Fromberger moved that nominations be closed and the Clerk cast one ballot for Jon Bliss. So moved.

**Sexton (1 yr)** - Jill Pond nominated Hank Mauti. There being no further nominations Joe Fromberger moved that nominations be closed and the Clerk cast one ballot for Hank Mauti. So moved.

**Cemetery Commissioner (3 yr)** – Jill Pond nominated Hank Mauti. Joe Fromberger moved that nominations be closed and the clerk cast one ballot for Hank Mauti. So moved.

**Article 4.** Joe Fromberger asked what the current tax payment schedule is. Jeanette Haight provided the information. Jean Peters moved that the article be adopted as written. Joe Fromberger seconded. So moved.

**Article 5.** Jean Peters asked if attendance had been taken over the past few years to find out if attendance is better or worse since changing Town Meeting to Saturday. Jon noted he didn't think there were fewer people. Brooke Decker asked when the change was made from Tuesday to Saturday. General consensus was that it has been about 15 years. Joe Fromberger discussed the thought process behind the change, saying people didn't have to miss work to attend. Joe moved to adopt the article as written. Barry Williams seconded. Chris Elders stated that the motion should be specifically worded. Joe agreed and reworded his motion to include the specific date of Saturday, February 29, 2020 to hold the next Town Meeting. Jon confirmed Barry was still willing to second the motion. He was. So moved. Robert Hale moved that the time be changed to 9:00 a.m. Jean Peters stated leaving it at 10:00 allows for lunch & socializing afterward. Peter Huyler added it gives the Highway Crew time to clear the roads if needed. Susan Leader stated she would take the year off from suggesting the meeting be moved back to Tuesday. Jon called for a second to Robert's motion. There being none, the motion died.

Dave Peters asked about the school portion of the meeting. Jon reminded all that without a Town School District (which was eliminated with the creation of the Green Mountain Unified School District), there was no fiduciary reason to have a meeting. Hank noted & Jon confirmed that questions could be discussed during Article 9.

**Article 6.** Chris Plumb presented slides on the overhead projector explaining the 2019/2020 proposed budget and the Select Board's recommendation for use of the 2017/2018 surplus of \$47,985.07. Jean Peters asked about State grant money to help with paving. Chris said the Town can apply, but probably won't get any this coming year. Jean also asked about the condition of the grader. Chris said it is "holding its own".

**Article 7.** Peter Huyler moved to distribute the 2017/18 surplus as described. George Moser seconded. Jean Peters asked whether the whole surplus should be applied to the Highway Fund. Chris Plumb explained the cost of replacing the High Bridge is less than originally thought, so didn't think that would be necessary. The motion carried unanimously.

**Article 8.** Jean Peters moved to approve the 2019/2020 budget in the amount of \$861,856.75. Joe Fromberger seconded. Hank Mauti asked if the proposed budget included the surplus amount. Jeanette Haight confirmed it did. Jill Pond asked how the proposed budget would affect the municipal tax rate. Jeanette Haight confirmed the new rate could be .48 (vs .45 for FY 2018/2019) but it will be dependent on the Grand List this year. The motion carried.

**Article 9.** Hank Mauti said he felt the Select Board should take up the issue and pass an ordinance with regard to selling marijuana in town. Jon Bliss noted Hank made a good point about the process for getting an item on the Town Meeting agenda by petitioning the Select Board. He asked if there were any other restrictions for getting on the agenda. Joe Fromberger said you can't have something illegal on the agenda and that Vermont is not a "home rule" state, it is a Dillon state which means it can only do that which is authorized by the State legislature. Gordon Payne asked if Joe Fromberger was aware of any Supreme Court decision in Vermont relating to "home rule". Maddy Bodin spoke up asking if there was interest by the whole body about getting in "too deep" about home rule vs Dillon's rule. She suggested the conversation be taken up by a smaller group.

Susan Leader called out the fact that Okemo Valley TV was filming the meeting. Ed McEnaney introduced himself.

Jean Peters wanted newcomers to know Andover's Select Board is completely volunteer and praised Chris Plumb for stepping in to Red Johnson's shoes as well as taking on the role of Road Commissioner. There was a round of applause for Chris.

Ray Makul then spoke up on the issues that Springfield Hospital is having. He expressed concern that changes being made to the Hospital are not being shared with the communities those changes impact. Jon asked if Ray had a specific suggestion as to how citizens can have their voices heard. Ray suggested contacting the Governor's office & local legislators. Jon asked if any member of a rescue squad was present. Jeffrey Knisely (an EMT for Chester Rescue) discussed travel times to Springfield Hospital (25-30 minutes from Andover) vs Rutland Hospital (45 minutes from Andover). He called the difference to Rutland "significantly longer". He also shared the longer distance to Rutland would keep the ambulance out of service longer. Jean Peters noted it isn't just the hospital being impacted, it is all the services Springfield Medical has acquired in the past few years. Hank pointed out there is a hospital in Townshend. Carmen Macchia (a volunteer in the Springfield Hospital ER) spoke up and said he didn't think health services at Springfield are being compromised. He acknowledged the attempts to correct the "fiscal malpractice". Cindy Ingersoll said the State has made an emergency loan of \$800k to help Springfield work through its issues. Gordon Payne asked those present to bear in mind a "private vs public" solution. He urged all to think toward private solutions for a variety of reasons. Theresa Hatin introduced herself as an employee of Springfield Hospital reiterating the hospital's focus on patient care and that cutbacks were in administrative positions. She said there is constant communication with the Public Relations person. Theresa offered to provide information to the Andover email group about future public meetings of the Springfield Hospital Board. Ray pointed out he was not criticizing patient care and shared his own recent positive experience.

Hank Mauti expressed his disappointment that Tom Bock was not present at the meeting to speak to legislation he had recently signed. Carmen Macchia spoke up saying Hank was entitled to his opinion but it didn't reflect everyone's. Jon reminded both gentlemen to address the chair. Jean Peters reminded everyone that past legislators held public forums to answer questions and perhaps Mr. Bock could be asked to do that.

Susan Leader asked about the lack of details with regard to Vital Statistics in the Town Report and said she missed them. Jeanette discussed the need to balance keeping private information safe and the desire of residents to have details shared. It will continue to be looked at. Jon offered a solution of verbally naming those who had been born and died in the year since the last Town Meeting. Several names were then mentioned. Elizabeth Peters then mentioned Red & Adelaide Johnson and how much they did for the Town and how much they will be missed now that they have moved.

Hank brought up the topic of the GMUSD budget and noted declining enrollment and urged everyone to do their homework then come vote on March 5th. Ray Makul asked about the possibility of further consolidation of the

elementary school & high school given declining numbers and that is what was done in the Fall after the elementary school's water leak which caused extensive damage. Joe Fromberger gave the requested summary of the water problem and noted this isn't the first time he has heard the suggestion of consolidating all students to one school building. Joe then gave an overview of the GMUSD and his role on the Board as Andover's representative. He asked those present to consider approving the "fiscally responsible" budget (which is up 3.2% over last year). Carmen Macchia spoke up noting school systems are getting more complicated every year, given the rise in special needs of students. He said teachers, aides, bus drivers... deserve a living wage and those costs will continue to increase. Brooke Decker asked how many students from Andover go to school in Chester. Joe said he did not know and said the number isn't as "easily available" as it used to be. Jon asked if Joe could get that number. Jean Peters asked about the balloon payment due on the fleet of buses this year. Joe shared that the past Green Mountain Union High School Board decided to lease the current fleet of buses, noting money was supposed to be set aside each year to deal with the balloon payment of \$380,000 and it did not happen, so the current Board is "stuck with it". The current Board included money in this budget to deal with this payment. Hank Mauti discussed the district owning the buses in the past and putting money aside to purchase a new one each year but lack of maintenance led to leasing the buses. Catherine Marino-Newborn asked if the Town still has to count pupils even if they are home-schooled and about having school choice for Andover. Joe said yes, home-schooled students do count and Andover could only have school choice if it was not part of the Union School District. Hank asked who took responsibility for the cost overrun of the water project at CAES. Joe responded with a summary of the events as he understood them. He noted there are no final figures but that some costs not covered by insurance will be covered by State aid but there will be a cost to taxpayers. Jon asked Joe to keep everyone updated via Andover email as he gets more information.

Susan Leader asked if Andover is "married to" the Springfield Transfer Station because she would prefer to use something closer. Leo Salazar said he asked if he could use Ludlow's transfer station and was told no (by someone in Ludlow), that Andover residents have to use the station in Springfield.

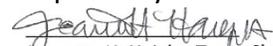
Barry Williams asked for feedback about how the Highway crew is handling the roads this winter.

Mary Johnson expressed concern about roadside mowing happening after the poison parsnip flowers, which spreads it. She asked if mowing could be done earlier. Barry said the Board has discussed the timing and if it were done earlier, mowing would have to be done twice, therefore costing more. He said the Board has looked into the possibility of purchasing a tractor with a mower, so mowing could be done more often. It was noted there is not enough money in the Capital Equipment Fund for one right now.

Theresa Hatin said their road was icy recently. Connie Kendall asked if there is a set "road rotation" or order when the crew is sanding/plowing. Chris said Charlie takes care of that. Barry noted Charlie probably goes all the way out East Hill then does side roads on his way back which leaves Steinle and Cobb later in the "rotation". Barry said the Board feels they are doing an excellent job. There was a round of applause.

Joe Fromberger moved to adjourn at 11:58 a.m. Jean Peters seconded. So moved.

Respectfully submitted,



Jeanette Haight, Town Clerk

Approved by,



Jonathan Bliss, Moderator



Christopher Plumb, SB Vice Chair

## 2019 ANDOVER SELECT BOARD REPORT

The Select Board began the 2018/2019 fiscal year by approving some important plans and policies that had been in the works the previous fiscal year. In August 2018, the Board approved a town hazard mitigation plan. In the past, these hazard mitigation plans had been done on the county level. The plan was put together with the assistance of the Southern Windsor County Regional Planning Commission (SWCRPC) and was approved by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). It will make the Town of Andover eligible for grants to use on various projects.

Also in August 2018, the Board adopted a conflict of interest policy. The creation of a conflict of interest policy was mandated by the state legislature to make sure that town business is done in the town's best interest. Everyone who is employed or volunteers for the town must follow the conflict of interest policy, which is on file at the Town Office.

In September, the Select Board adopted the Town Plan, which serves as a guiding document for town policies. The Select Board appreciates the hard work done by Joe Fromberger and the Zoning Board of Adjustment, which serves as our town's planning commission, in putting together this vision for our town and its future.

In January 2019, a new furnace was installed in the Town Hall.

As always, keeping the town's roads safe was a major focus of the Select Board's activities. In the 2018/2019 fiscal year, that included sending out a request for proposal for a major road repaving project and contracting with a paving company to complete that project. It also included the purchase, in January 2019, of a new single-rear-axle dump truck to replace an older truck that required many repairs.

We are grateful to the town road crew for all the work they do. This spring that work included replacing culverts ahead of what turned out to be a fall re-pavement project. Culverts were replaced on Dorman, Weston-Andover and East Hill Roads. The old town garage was also restored and is being used to store road maintenance equipment.

Finally, the Town of Andover is eligible for funding for flood damage done by an April 2019 storm. Board Chair Chris Plumb, in his role as Road Commissioner, worked with Town Clerk Jeanette Haight to file the paperwork for this reimbursement from FEMA. We thank Jeanette for her help with this and all she does to make the town run more effectively.

Respectfully submitted,

Chris Plumb, Chair  
Mark Gordon, Vice Chair  
Barry Williams  
Maddy Bodin  
Jed LaPrise  
**Andover Select Board**

*Section II*

***FINANCIAL  
REPORTS***

**TOWN OF ANDOVER PROPOSED BUDGET FISCAL YEAR 2020/2021**

		2018/19 Actual	2018/19 Budget	2019/20 Budget	2020/21 Budget
	<b>ITEM</b>				
<b>Income</b>	Property Tax & Interest	\$668,705.64	\$653,897.75	\$708,364.21	\$752,801.75
	Delinquent Tax & Interest	\$46,987.88	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
	State Gas Tax Income	\$87,324.92	\$87,000.00	\$87,000.00	\$87,000.00
	Vt Muncil Tax Adjustment	\$9,413.74	\$7,000.00	\$8,000.00	\$8,500.00
	Current Use - HoldHarmless	\$28,944.00	\$21,000.00	\$25,000.00	\$28,000.00
	Bank Interest Income	\$2,335.43	\$1,500.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
	Recording & Copy Fees	\$8,625.06	\$8,000.00	\$8,000.00	\$8,000.00
	Miscellaneous Income	\$11,182.96	\$250.00	\$500.00	\$2,500.00
	Unspent Surplus	\$63,829.00	\$63,829.00	\$23,992.54	\$0.00
	<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$927,348.63</b>	<b>\$842,476.75</b>	<b>\$861,856.75</b>	<b>\$887,801.75</b>
<b>Expense</b>	<b>Wages &amp; Benefits</b>				
	Office Wages	\$59,430.04	\$59,500.00	\$61,500.00	\$63,000.00
	Highway Crew Wages	\$142,338.32	\$130,200.00	\$145,000.00	\$150,000.00
	Listers' Wages	\$13,898.31	\$16,000.00	\$14,000.00	\$14,000.00
	Office Health Insurance	\$22,343.02	\$20,600.00	\$20,600.00	\$24,000.00
	Highway Health Insurance	\$46,049.28	\$55,100.00	\$55,100.00	\$52,000.00
	Office Retirement	\$3,171.95	\$3,200.00	\$3,500.00	\$3,800.00
	Highway Retirement	\$7,948.78	\$6,400.00	\$8,000.00	\$9,000.00
	Office Disability Ins.	\$1,607.46	\$1,900.00	\$1,800.00	\$1,800.00
	Highway Disability Ins.	\$1,448.94	\$2,300.00	\$1,800.00	\$1,800.00
	Payroll Taxes	\$15,804.20	\$16,500.00	\$16,500.00	\$16,500.00
	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$314,040.30</b>	<b>\$311,700.00</b>	<b>\$327,800.00</b>	<b>\$335,900.00</b>
<b>Expense</b>	<b>Utilities</b>				
	Electricity - Office	\$1,129.56	\$1,400.00	\$1,400.00	\$1,400.00
	Electricity - Highway	\$2,233.65	\$2,500.00	\$2,500.00	\$2,500.00
	Electricity - Town Hall	\$518.76	\$600.00	\$600.00	\$600.00
	Heat - Office	\$1,517.21	\$2,200.00	\$1,600.00	\$1,600.00
	Heat - Highway	\$6,949.36	\$6,000.00	\$6,000.00	\$7,300.00
	Heat - Town Hall	\$2,279.10	\$2,500.00	\$2,500.00	\$2,500.00
	Telephone - Office	\$1,928.22	\$2,000.00	\$1,700.00	\$1,700.00
	Telephone - Highway	\$964.11	\$1,100.00	\$900.00	\$900.00
	<b>Total Utilities</b>	<b>\$17,519.97</b>	<b>\$18,300.00</b>	<b>\$17,200.00</b>	<b>\$18,500.00</b>
<b>Expense</b>	<b>VLCT Insurance Premiums</b>				
	Property & Casualty Ins.	\$14,714.03	\$18,500.00	\$18,500.00	\$17,000.00
	Unemployment Insurance	\$618.00	\$470.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
	Worker's Comp Insurance	\$11,072.97	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$11,500.00
	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$26,405.00</b>	<b>\$28,970.00</b>	<b>\$28,500.00</b>	<b>\$28,500.00</b>

<b>Expense</b>	<b>Appropriations</b>	<b>2018/19 Actual</b>	<b>2018/19 Budget</b>	<b>2019/20 Budget</b>	<b>2020/21 Budget</b>
	Senior Solutions	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$500.00
	VT/NH Visiting Nurses	\$2,350.00	\$2,350.00	\$2,350.00	\$2,350.00
	HCRS	\$504.00	\$504.00	\$504.00	\$504.00
	Vermont Green-Up	\$50.00	\$50.00	\$50.00	\$50.00
	Chester-Andover Family Center	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
	SEVCA	\$495.00	\$495.00	\$495.00	\$495.00
	Community Cares Network	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$500.00
	Meals on Wheels	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$500.00
	Current	\$125.00	\$125.00	\$125.00	\$125.00
	Neighborhood Connections	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$500.00
	Whiting Library	\$2,500.00	\$2,500.00	\$2,500.00	\$2,500.00
	Windsor County Youth Services				\$500.00
	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$9,024.00</b>	<b>\$9,024.00</b>	<b>\$9,024.00</b>	<b>\$9,524.00</b>
<b>Expense</b>	<b>Assessments</b>				
	Chester Communication Charge	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00
	Chester Recreation	\$3,800.00	\$3,800.00	\$3,800.00	\$3,800.00
	Chester Fire Service	\$24,000.00	\$24,000.00	\$24,000.00	\$25,000.00
	Chester Ambulance Service	\$6,000.00	\$6,000.00	\$6,000.00	\$6,250.00
	Hazard Mit Grant Match	\$939.22	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
	BBG Grant Match	\$1,093.15	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
	Windsor County Court	\$3,581.00	\$4,000.00	\$3,581.00	\$3,800.00
	Windsor County Tax	\$6,728.00	\$7,000.00	\$7,419.00	\$7,400.00
	Lease Land - School District	\$103.00	\$105.00	\$105.00	\$105.00
	Highway Fees - State MRGP	\$1,140.00	\$0.00	\$1,200.00	\$1,200.00
	Law Enforcement Contract	\$0.00	\$7,000.00	\$0.00	\$12,500.00
	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$50,384.37</b>	<b>\$54,905.00</b>	<b>\$49,105.00</b>	<b>\$63,055.00</b>
<b>Expense</b>	<b>Dues</b>				
	VLCT Dues	\$1,544.00	\$1,544.00	\$1,544.00	\$1,644.00
	VMCTA Dues	\$35.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$35.00
	VALA Dues	\$60.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$60.00
	SWCRPC Dues	\$583.75	\$583.75	\$583.75	\$583.75
	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$2,222.75</b>	<b>\$2,127.75</b>	<b>\$2,127.75</b>	<b>\$2,322.75</b>
<b>Expense</b>	<b>Repairs/Maintenance</b>				
	Office	\$3,300.72	\$1,500.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
	Town Garage	\$4,487.84	\$4,000.00	\$4,000.00	\$3,500.00
	Town Hall	\$9,351.53	\$0.00	\$500.00	\$1,000.00
	Lawn Mowing/Trimming	\$1,980.00	\$1,300.00	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00
	Cleaning	\$2,775.00	\$2,500.00	\$2,500.00	\$2,850.00
	Trash Removal	\$2,225.99	\$1,400.00	\$1,750.00	\$1,750.00
	Capital Expense	\$5,401.88	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00
	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$29,522.96</b>	<b>\$12,200.00</b>	<b>\$13,250.00</b>	<b>\$13,600.00</b>

<b>Expense</b>	<b>Hwy Materials &amp; Expenses</b>	<b>2018/19 Actual</b>	<b>2018/19 Budget</b>	<b>2019/20 Budget</b>	<b>2020/21 Budget</b>
	Safety Equipment	\$1,058.97	\$650.00	\$750.00	\$750.00
	Uniforms	\$2,242.00	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00	\$2,500.00
	Calcium Chloride	\$8,399.20	\$15,000.00	\$12,000.00	\$10,000.00
	Sodium Chloride	\$66,767.91	\$40,000.00	\$55,000.00	\$57,000.00
	Sand	\$39,204.46	\$23,000.00	\$30,000.00	\$30,000.00
	Crushed Gravel	\$269.87	\$12,500.00	\$12,500.00	\$12,500.00
	Stone	\$8,065.68	\$1,500.00	\$3,000.00	\$8,000.00
	Culverts	\$12,174.85	\$4,500.00	\$4,500.00	\$4,500.00
	Cold Patch	\$991.90	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$500.00
	Hot Mix	\$0.00	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$500.00
	Shur Pac	\$32,593.47	\$15,000.00	\$15,000.00	\$15,000.00
	Highway Signs	\$2,447.70	\$1,250.00	\$1,250.00	\$2,000.00
	Miscellaneous Materials	\$312.90	\$250.00	\$250.00	\$250.00
	Rental Equipment	\$1,983.92	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$500.00
	Outside Contracting	\$1,159.00	\$15,000.00	\$15,000.00	\$15,000.00
	Roadside Mowing	\$9,000.00	\$9,500.00	\$9,500.00	\$0.00
	Supplies - Highway	\$4,294.16	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00
	Parts/Tools - Highway	\$4,617.52	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$500.00
	Miscellaneous - Highway	\$491.25	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$500.00
	Other Highway Construction Proj	\$0.00	\$2,500.00	\$2,500.00	\$2,500.00
	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$196,074.76</b>	<b>\$147,650.00</b>	<b>\$168,250.00</b>	<b>\$165,500.00</b>
<b>Expense</b>	<b>Highway Equip Expenses</b>				
	T1 2015 Ford 1 Ton	\$12,201.43			
	T6	\$4,587.58			
	Loader - 2003	\$614.07			
	Grader - 2002	\$911.99			
	Backhoe - 2011	\$727.62			
	Chainsaw				
	Chipper	\$96.58			
	Welder	\$27.34			
	Tractor - 2008				
	T16 - 2016 Western Star Tandem	\$15,576.79			
	T19 - 2019 Western Star Truck	\$1,269.57			
	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$36,012.97</b>	<b>\$50,000.00</b>	<b>\$42,000.00</b>	<b>\$45,000.00</b>
	Fuel & Oil	\$35,425.97	\$40,000.00	\$40,000.00	\$40,000.00
	<b>Total Highway</b>	<b>\$267,513.70</b>	<b>\$237,600.00</b>	<b>\$250,250.00</b>	<b>\$250,500.00</b>

<b>Expense</b>	<b>Administrative</b>	<b>2018/19 Actual</b>	<b>2018/19 Budget</b>	<b>2019/20 Budget</b>	<b>2020/21 Budget</b>
	Service Charges	\$10.88	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
	Tax Maps	\$0.00	\$950.00	\$500.00	\$500.00
	Freight Charges	\$1,073.61	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
	Election Expense	\$155.76	\$50.00	\$50.00	\$100.00
	Office Supplies	\$1,728.71	\$3,000.00	\$2,500.00	\$2,000.00
	Town Report	\$752.64	\$1,000.00	\$800.00	\$800.00
	Postage	\$2,073.66	\$2,800.00	\$2,500.00	\$2,500.00
	Service	\$1,703.58	\$1,800.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
	Legal Notices	\$635.00	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$500.00
	Legal Consultation	\$0.00	\$2,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
	Meetings & Mileage - Office	\$441.39	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$500.00
	Meetings & Mileage - Highway	\$3,180.09	\$500.00	\$1,000.00	\$2,500.00
	Meetings & Mileage - Listers	\$723.23	\$3,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$750.00
	Computer Support	\$476.95	\$0.00	\$500.00	\$500.00
	Accounting Support	\$7,340.85	\$1,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$2,500.00
	Office Small Equipment	\$757.06	\$0.00	\$250.00	\$250.00
	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$21,053.41</b>	<b>\$17,100.00</b>	<b>\$14,100.00</b>	<b>\$15,400.00</b>
<b>Expense</b>	<b>Town Budget Transfers</b>				
	Transfer to Highway/Bridge Fund	\$82,500.00	\$82,500.00	\$82,500.00	\$82,500.00
	Transfer to Capital Equipment Fund	\$65,000.00	\$65,000.00	\$65,000.00	\$65,000.00
	Transfer to Cemetery Fund	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00
	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$150,500.00</b>	<b>\$150,500.00</b>	<b>\$150,500.00</b>	<b>\$150,500.00</b>
	<b>Total Municipal Income</b>	<b>\$927,348.63</b>	<b>\$842,476.75</b>	<b>\$861,856.75</b>	<b>\$887,801.75</b>
	<b>Total Municipal Expense</b>	<b>\$888,186.46</b>	<b>\$842,476.75</b>	<b>\$861,856.75</b>	<b>\$887,801.75</b>
	<b>Deficit/Surplus</b>	<b>\$39,162.17</b>			

**TOWN OF ANDOVER, VERMONT BALANCE SHEET  
AS OF JUNE 30, 2019**

**ASSETS**

**Current Assets**

**Checking/Savings**

Petty Cash	53.84
Reappraisal Fund	5,161.03
General Checking	98,674.01
<b>Municipal Money Market</b>	
Highway/Bridge Fund	786,089.73
Capital Equipment	8,671.52
Tax Stabilization	53,661.81
Planning Commission	7,831.87
Andover Project Committee	11,851.62
Andover Scholarship	1,175.45
Cemetery Fund	5,823.58

<b>Total Municipal Money Market</b>	<u>875,105.58</u>
Health Reimbursement Account	8,233.70
Pioneer Memorial Society Checking	3,505.38
Adella Stannard Poor Fund	4,234.57
Andover Project Committee Petty Cash	127.75

<b>Total Checking/Savings</b>	<u>995,095.86</u>
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**Accounts Receivable**

Delinquent Taxes	32,118.29
Allowance for Delinquent Taxes	-6,423.66

<b>Total Accounts Receivable</b>	<u>25,694.63</u>
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**Other Current Assets**

Grants Receivable - Better Back Roads	4,372.60
Grants Receivable - Grants In Aid	8,600.00
Miscellaneous	1,664.13

<b>Total Other Current Assets</b>	<u>14,636.73</u>
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<b>Total Current Assets</b>	<u>1,035,427.22</u>
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<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<u><u>1,035,427.22</u></u>
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**LIABILITIES & EQUITY**

**Liabilities**

**Current Liabilities**

Reappraisal Fund	5,161.03
Planning Commission Fund	7,831.87
Andover Project Committee Fund	11,979.37
Andover Scholarship Fund	1,175.45
Pioneer Memorial Society Fund	3,505.38
Payroll Liabilities	1,056.02

<b>Total Current Liabilities</b>	<u>30,709.12</u>
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<b>Total Liabilities</b>	30,709.12
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<b>Equity</b>	
<b>General Fund Balance</b>	139,669.06
<b>Cemetery Fund</b>	5,823.58
<b>Allowance for Delinquent Taxes</b>	-6,423.66
<b>Tax Stabilization Fund Balance</b>	53,661.81
<b>Designated for Capital Equipment Fund</b>	8,671.52
<b>Highway/Bridge Fund</b>	786,089.73
<b>Adella Stannard Poor Fund</b>	4,234.57
<b>Net Income</b>	12,991.49
<b>Total Equity</b>	<u>1,004,718.10</u>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>	<u><u>1,035,427.22</u></u>

### **AUDITORS' REPORT**

We the Auditors, have tested and examined the financial records of the Town of Andover to the best of our ability and find them to be in order.

We wish to thank Jeanette Haight, Town Clerk/Treasurer for her assistance with our review of the financial records and the preparation of this report.

Respectfully Submitted,

William Jessup  
Wendell Perkins  
Cindy Ingersoll

**PIONEER MEMORIAL SOCIETY/CLARK W. HAZELTINE MEMORIAL FUND**

<b>BEGINNING BALANCE</b>	July 1, 2018	<b>\$3,506.38</b>
Disbursements: Bank fee		<u>1.00</u>
<b>ENDING BALANCE</b>	June 30, 2019	<b>\$3,505.38</b>

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**ADELLA STANNARD POOR FUND**

<b>BEGINNING BALANCE</b>	July 1, 2018	<b>\$3,275.86</b>
Receipts: Bank Interest		1.64
Putnam Fund Dividends		<u>28.71</u>
<b>ENDING BALANCE</b>	June 30, 2019	<b>\$3,306.21</b>
<b>**Value of Putnam Fund</b>		<b>\$928.36</b>

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**CAPITAL EQUIPMENT FUND**

<b>BEGINNING BALANCE</b>	July 1, 2018	<b>\$86,285.57</b>
Receipts: Bank Interest		763.95
Budgeted Funds		<u>65,000.00</u>
Disbursements: Truck purchase		(143,378.00)
<b>ENDING BALANCE</b>	June 30, 2019	<b>\$ 8,671.52</b>

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**HIGHWAY/BRIDGE FUND**

<b>BEGINNING BALANCE</b>	July 1, 2018	<b>\$638,552.55</b>
Receipts: Bank Interest		8,294.98
Half FY 16/17 Surplus (approved by voters)		63,829.00
Budgeted Funds		<u>82,500.00</u>
Disbursements: Bridge repairs		(7,086.80)
<b>ENDING BALANCE</b>	June 30, 2019	<b>\$786,089.73</b>

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**REAPPRAISAL FUND**

<b>BEGINNING BALANCE</b>	July 1, 2018	<b>\$ 93.88</b>
Receipts: Bank Interest		1.15
State reappraisal payment		<u>5,066.00</u>
<b>ENDING BALANCE</b>	June 30, 2019	<b>\$ 5,161.03</b>

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**TAX STABILIZATION FUND**

<b>BEGINNING BALANCE</b>	July 1, 2018	<b>\$ 53,098.77</b>
Receipts: Bank Interest		<u>563.04</u>
<b>ENDING BALANCE</b>	June 30, 2019	<b>\$ 53,661.81</b>

**PAYROLL BREAKDOWN**

July 1, 2018 - June 30, 2019

Town Office:

Town Clerk/Treasurer/Tax Collector	\$56,789.30
Assistant Clerk	2,721.00
Listers	13,898.31
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$73,408.61</b>

Highway Department:

Foreman	\$ 54,991.70
Crew #1	43,149.00
Crew #2	44,117.36
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$142,258.06</b>

**2018-2019 GRAND LIST**

Rate Name	Tax Rate	X Grand List	= Total Taxes
Municipal	.45	1,494,591.00	\$672,565.95
Homestead Ed.	1.3491	501,495.00	\$676,566.90
Non-homestead Ed.	1.4699	993,204.00	\$1,459,910.50
<b>Total Taxes</b>			<b>\$2,809,043.30</b>

**\*Homestead and Non-homestead education tax rates are set by the State of Vermont**

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**DELINQUENT TAXES**

As of June 30, 2019

Tax Year	Tax	Interest/Penalty	Total
2014/15	41.31	27.14	68.45
2015/16	47.43	24.67	72.10
2016/17	46.28	18.68	64.96
2017/18	\$ 3,211.62	\$ 1,352.06	\$ 4,563.68
2018/19	\$23,885.75	\$ 3,463.35	\$27,349.10
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$27,232.39</b>	<b>\$ 4,885.90</b>	<b>\$32,118.29</b>

*Section III*

***COMMITTEE  
&  
BOARD REPORTS***

**2019 ANDOVER PLANNING COMMISSION  
AND  
ANDOVER ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT REPORT**

The members of the Planning Commission/Zoning Board are appointed by the Select Board for terms of 4 years.

In 2018 the Planning Commission revised the Municipal Land Use Plan to comply with new State requirements. Included in that revision was an Enhanced Energy Plan.

After two public hearings, the Select Board adopted the new Plan on September 10, 2018. The Enhanced Energy Plan was confirmed by the Regional Planning Commission on September 16, 2019. These plans will be valid for eight (8) years.

The members of the Planning Commission also serve as the Zoning Board of Adjustment which is responsible for administrative and enforcement issues under the adopted regulations. Chris Walker is the Administrative Officer of the Zoning Board.

The Planning Commission meets as necessary at the call of the Chair and all such meetings are warned and are open to the public.

The Zoning Board of Adjustment meets regularly on the first Tuesday of each month and all meetings are open to the public.

During 2019 the Board reviewed and approved two (2) applications for Subdivision permits, (Attiyeh and Brown). The Board also reviewed and approved two (2) Conditional Use Permits (Rowell's Inn & a new B&B on Stigers Road).

There were no applications for Variances nor any Appeals of the Administrators' decisions.

Respectfully submitted:

Joseph Fromberger	Dec. 2020	James Stack	Dec. 2022
Alan Plumb	Dec. 2020	Carmen Macchia	Dec. 2022
Janet Albrecht	Dec. 2021	Lenore Szuchman	Dec. 2023
Richard Ingersoll	Dec. 2021	Gary Lundberg	Dec. 2023
Charlie Golden	Dec. 2021		

Chris Walker, Administrative Officer 2021

<u>PLANNING COMMISSION FUND</u>			
<b>BEGINNING BALANCE</b>	July 1, 2018		<b>\$ 7,939.66</b>
Receipts:	Bank Interest		81.27
	Permit fees		1,000.00
Disbursements:	Legal Notices		(935.42)
	Mileage		<u>(253.64)</u>
<b>ENDING BALANCE</b>	June 30, 2019		<b>\$ 7,831.87</b>

**2019 ZONING ADMINISTRATOR REPORT**

New Residence, Additions, and other Permits Issued:

<b>Type</b>	<b>Number</b>	<b>Est. Cost of Construction</b>
Residence	3	\$ 725,000
Additions	3	\$ 385,000
Accessory Buildings	10	\$ 204,800
Other (Decks, etc)	1	\$ 5,000
Certificate of Occupancy	3	-----
<b>Total</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>\$ 1,319,800</b>

**Andover Construction Activity 2008-2019**

<b>Year</b>	<b>Permits</b>	<b>Estimated Cost Residence Permits</b>	<b>Estimated Cost of all Permits</b>
2019	20	\$ 725,000	\$1,319,800
2018	17	\$ 255,000	741,825
2017	26	655,000	1,381,300
2016	14	330,000	716,000
2015	14	840,000	962,000
2014	9	380,000	619,300
2013	14	1,500,000	1,705,000
2012	12	487,500	1,025,000
2011	15	1,405,000	1,661,798
2010	15	1,125,000	1,452,500
2009	14	348,720	534,340
2008	15	2,650,000	2,884,400

**Warning/Notice**

Failure to obtain a Building/Zoning Permit is a violation of Vermont Statutes Title 24, Chapter 117, Section 4451 and may result in a fine of not more than \$200 for each offense. Each day the violation continues will be considered a separate violation under Chapter 59, Section 1974A.

**Required Construction Permits**

In order for a property owner to construct a residence or other building or addition he/she must obtain the following permits:

1. A **Driveway/Access Permit** to access your property from a Town Highway,
2. A **Wastewater System and Potable Water Supply Permit** from the Vermont Department of Environmental Conservation if applicable, and;
3. A **Building/Zoning Permit** from the Andover Zoning Administrator.

After construction is complete and **before** a residence can be occupied, a **Certificate of Occupancy** must be obtained by calling the Andover Town Office 802-875-2765.

Respectfully submitted,

Chris Walker  
Andover Zoning Administrator

## 2019 LISTERS REPORT

Based on Grand List data for 2019 from the Annual Report of the Division of Property Valuation and Review, Vermont Department of Taxes.

Again this year, all counties showed an increase in equalized education property values.

### Change in Education Equalization Property Values by County (2018-2019)

	County	% Change	Rank
Top Three	Chittenden	4.0	1
	Lamoille	3.6	2
	Orange	3.4	3
Bottom Three	<b>Windsor</b>	<b>1.6</b>	<b>12</b>
	Windham	1.5	13
	Bennington	0.4	14

### CURRENT USE APPRAISAL PROGRAM PARTICIPANT TAX SAVINGS – TAX YEAR 2019

**Total Andover parcels enrolled:** 49 (an increase of 3 parcels over last year)

Total enrolled acres – homestead 1,825 – non-homestead 4,598

Total exempt reduction – homestead - \$1,888,100. - non-homestead - \$5,261,700.

Total municipal taxes saved - \$33,604.

Total education taxes saved – homestead - \$26,830 - non-homestead - \$83,151.

**Total tax savings - \$143,585.**

<p><b>Equalized Education Grand List Andover – Effective January 1, 2020</b></p>
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Total Taxable Parcel Count - 561
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Education Grand List - \$1,506,807
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Education CLA (common level of appraisal) - 101.71
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COD (coefficient of dispersion) - 8.63
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Total Equalized Education Grand List - \$1,481,420
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#### A NOTE FROM YOUR LISTERS

Now that surveillance cameras have become so affordable many properties have them. If you like a heads-up such as a call or an e-mail prior to our site visits, please let us know. Your Listers will keep that notice in our file. We don't want any property owners in Andover getting upset if they get a message on their cell phone that a stranger is on their property.

Do not forget to submit your HS-122 and HI-144 forms when you do your income taxes. If you get an extension on your IRS taxes, you still have to file these forms on the April due date. The state does not give an extension.

Sincerely,  
 Leo Salazar, Chair  
 Frances Salazar  
 Lisa Ryan

**2019 ANDOVER CEMETERY COMMISSION REPORT**

We answered many questions about plot availability and burial policy this past year as well as began the process of finding a contractor to do some much-needed tree clean-up and removal in the Heald and East Hill cemeteries.

Respectfully Submitted,

Nicholas Baker 2020  
 Robert Hale 2021  
 Hank Mauti 2022

**Andover Cemetery Commission**

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**CEMETERY FUND**

<b>BEGINNING BALANCE July 1, 2018</b>	<b>\$ 9,655.12</b>
Receipts: Town of Andover	3,000.00
Bank Interest	<u>78.46</u>
Disbursements:	
Mowing/Maintenance	\$ 6,800.00
Request for bids ad	<u>110.00</u>
<b>ENDING BALANCE June 30, 2019</b>	<b>\$ 5,823.58</b>

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**VITAL STATISTICS FILED IN THE TOWN OF ANDOVER  
 July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2019**

Births	Deaths	Burials	Marriages
2	2	2	5

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## **2019 ANDOVER PROJECT COMMITTEE REPORT**

### **Town Meeting Lunch**

On Saturday, March 2nd, the Project Committee organized a Potluck Lunch at the annual Town Meeting. As is customary, residents brought sandwiches, salads and desserts and all had an opportunity to reconnect with neighbors and friends.

### **Green-Up Day**

Andover's Annual Green-Up Day was held on Saturday, May 4th. Volunteers gathered at the Town Hall to get road assignments. After being fortified with coffee provided by Vermont Coffee Company volunteers went to work picking up roadside litter and sprucing up the grounds and cemeteries. The volunteers returned to the Town Hall for a lunch provided by community members and the Andover Project Committee. Thank you to the Andover community for donating your time and energy to this yearly effort!

### **Afternoon of Music Community Event**

On Saturday, August 17th, John Specker and daughters Ida Mae and Lila entertained with popular old-time mountain fiddling at the Town Hall grounds. The Andover Project Committee sold t-shirts and hats and gratefully received donations from the audience for the Scholarship Fund. We thank The Vermont County Store for the use of their tent and the Speckers for sharing their talent and promoting the scholarship fund.

### **Merchandise**

The Andover Project Committee offers merchandise such as t-shirts, hats, totes, and sweat shirts for sale. Please visit the Town Clerk's office during business hours to make your selection.

### **Scholarship Fund**

A separate bank account was set up in 2019 to more accurately manage and report fund receipts and disbursements. See report from the Scholarship Committee.

### **Volunteers and Ideas Needed**

The Andover Project Committee thanks our volunteers for their dedication and hard work. These events bring us together as neighbors and community members as well as support the scholarship fund. For continued success please lend a hand at one or more of these events. Please bring your ideas and energy to our meetings. Contact Deb Moser: 875-5454; [dmoser6468@gmail.com](mailto:dmoser6468@gmail.com)).

**ANDOVER PROJECT COMMITTEE FINANCIAL REPORT**

January 1, 2019 through December 31, 2019

<b>BEGINNING BALANCE January 1, 2019</b>				<b>\$11,977.12</b>
Receipts				
Merchandise Sales		302.00		
Interest		125.58		
Total Receipts		427.58		
Cash on Hand		127.75		
<b>BALANCE</b>				<b>\$12,532.45</b>
Expenses				
Scholarships		3,000.00		
Merchandise		200.00		
Community Musical Event		86.52		
Total Expenses		3,286.52		
<b>ENDING BALANCE*</b>				<b>\$9,245.93</b>
*Bank Balance is \$9,039.70 + Cash on Hand of \$206.23)				

**2019 ANDOVER SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE REPORT**

In 2019, the Andover Scholarship Fund awarded three college scholarships to deserving Andover residents who graduated from high school and are pursuing degrees at four-year colleges. Andover graduates who attend trade school are also eligible for a scholarship, although there were no applicants in that category this year. The Fund also thanks graduating high school seniors who pursue a career in the military with a useful gift. This year none of Andover’s graduates pursued this option.

Also in 2019, the Andover Scholarship Fund took its first steps toward becoming a federally-recognized tax-exempt organization. Towards that goal, the scholarship fund now has a bank account that is separate from the Andover Project Committee’s account. We hope to complete this process in 2020.

The Andover Scholarship Fund received many generous donations in 2019. We are grateful to the Andover Community Fund for its donation and to the Andover Project Committee, which added donations from its summer music get-together to its many previous contributions to the fund.

Finally, we are grateful to the many individuals who gave generously to our 2019 fundraising campaign. It warms our hearts to know that so many of our neighbors care deeply about providing a better future for our town’s young people.

Thank you!  
Sincerely,  
Charlene Huyler, Maddy Bodin, and Carmen Macchia  
Andover Scholarship Committee

**ANDOVER SCHOLARSHIP FUND**

<b>BEGINNING BALANCE</b>	January 1, 2019	\$ 0.00
Receipts: Bank Interest		27.03
Donations		<u>7,768.40</u>
<b>ENDING BALANCE</b>	December 31, 2019	<b>\$ 7,795.43</b>

## 2019 ANDOVER COMMUNITY FUND REPORT

The Andover Community Funds is a local, non-profit organization established privately in 1986 to provide interim financial assistance to Andover residents who have encountered an unforeseen setback in their lives. Based on the concept of self-help, the Fund seeks to provide assistance that will act as a catalyst to facilitate the return to normal circumstances. The Andover Community Fund is managed by a five- person Board of Directors.

In the year 2019, the Fund made grants totaling \$13,631.17 covering situations involving health care and social support services. As in the past, all assistance was provided in the spirit of helping individuals or families return to a normal, productive life. In 32 years, the Fund has distributed more than \$270,627.48 to Andover residents in need.

The endowment had a year-end value (unaudited) of \$880,280.12. Expenses of the Fund were limited to the preparation of the non-profit tax return, bi-annual state filing and investment fees. No compensation was paid to any of the individuals overseeing the Fund's responsibilities and requirements.

We thank the Andover community at large for their continued support. Due to the Fund experiencing widespread support from the Andover community since its inception (it has grown significantly over the years) the Board decided to suspend the annual fundraising drive for 2019. If the annual grants remain at approximately the same level in the future as they have in recent years, the fund can support these grants. This will be re-evaluated annually. We thank those that made unsolicited donations in 2019.

We are happy to have you share with us the opportunity to help one another in our small rural town. We value the spirit of good will and community that is alive in Andover.

Again, we ask you to be mindful of situations where financial assistance could make the difference in helping an individual or family overcome an unexpected setback. Very often those in need are the least likely to seek aid, and therefore we ask you as friends and neighbors to bring our attention to any unnoticed need. No application is required. Simply bring the prospective situation to the attention of a fund director, the Town Clerk, a Town Service Officer or the Andover Community Church.

Respectfully Submitted,

The Andover Community Fund Board of Directors:

Geraldine Williams, Director 2021

Peter Huyler, Director 2022

Diane Parker, Director 2023

John Yake, Director 2023

Christopher Plumb, Director-Select Board Chair

## 2019 PIONEER MEMORIAL SOCIETY/ CLARK WARNER HAZELTINE FUND REPORT

This year's advances in knowledge were minor, though they we did expand our knowledge of local history, through additional research in a variety of resources. Once again, this answered a few questions and raised a few new ones in the process, all of which is fundamental in understanding Andover's history.

Thank you to Alice Lindquist for a copy of an article from the September 15, 1961 issue, of the *Rutland Daily Herald* by Bernard Crosier, entitled "Andover Builds Town Office, Library for Its Bicentennial" and subtitled "Town of 215 Decides to Tie Past to the Future." It describes the then new \$10,000 building, which was the culmination of five years of planning. Much of the historical information about the town in the article, came from Ethel (Warner) Wright, Assistant Town Clerk, and the article features a picture of Mrs. Wright, standing by the front door.

For Green-Up Day, plus a few days afterwards, Middletown Cemetery was thoroughly raked and many of the bushes and small trees surrounding the gravestones prudently trimmed. This included the gravestone of Dorothy (Lovejoy) Sheldon, wife of Jacob Sheldon, who died August 4, 1807 at the age of 43 years, which was entirely hidden by a bush. This slate gravestone, the earliest date on a stone in the cemetery, was thought to no longer exist. Jacob Sheldon and Dorothy Lovejoy were married in Wilton, N.H., on February 5, 1793. Prior to Memorial Day, flags were placed in the cemeteries and were removed in the fall around Veteran's Day.

We received a copy of a letter written by John Bigelow Marsh to his father Arthur Richmond Marsh, that about life on the Markham Manor Farms circa 1899, from a Marsh descendant in California. The letter discusses the wet weather, problems with crows, cattle and general farm life from the young man's perspective. The Marsh family's property consisted of four farms: the Peter Dudley Marsh Farm, Red Top Farm, the Blanchard Farm and the Cline (formerly Burt) Farm. In 1904, Markham Manor Farms boasted largest herd of Holstein-Friesian cattle in Vermont.

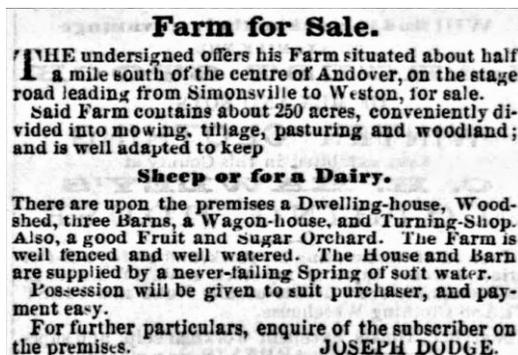
This past year the town office was visited by a couple of people doing genealogical research. We had a visit from a descendant of Artemas Rowell, son of Jacob and Mary "Polly" (Rogers) Rowell. Artemas left Andover as a young man, moving to Mason, N.H., and later to Acton, Mass. We also were visited by a lady researching the Whitman and Chubbuck families, for a friend. John and Sarah (Chubbuck) Whitman lived in both Andover and Landgrove.

In addition to vital, town, land, court records, etc., newspapers are an invaluable resource for historical research. Many times, filling in the holes in the records and providing a contemporary perspective. For instance, in the Dodge article, they provided information that was critical to the narrative. This includes Joseph Dodge's ad to sell the farm in 1858 (see below), articles on Joseph Hiland Dodge's death in 1870 and Leonard H. Dodge's return visit to Andover in 1890. The death date of Persis (Dodge) Beckwith in 1847, which is not found in the Vermont Vital Card Index, nor in the Williston, Vt. records, but is found as a death notice in a couple of Vermont newspapers.

Respectfully submitted, Jonathan W. Stevens

TRUSTEES: Peter T. Farrar (-2020)  
Jonathan W. Stevens (-2021)  
Jeanette H. Haight (-2022)

CURATORS: Elizabeth W. Stevens  
Jonathan W. Stevens



## DOG LICENSES

State law requires all dogs to be licensed when they attain the age of 6 months. Owners renewing licenses and licensing wolf-hybrids must do so **ON** or **BEFORE** April 1<sup>st</sup> of each year.

A total of 80 dogs were licensed between July 1, 2018 and June 30, 2019 which accounted for \$360.00 in revenue for the town.

Fees are:           \$ 4.00 each neutered dog or wolf hybrid  
                          1.00 each license for the State Rabies Program  
                          4.00 each license for the State Spay/Neuter Program  
                          **\$9.00 TOTAL**

                          \$ 8.00 each unneutered dog or wolf hybrid  
                          1.00 each license for the State Rabies Program  
                          4.00 each license for the State Spay/Neuter Program  
                          **\$13.00 TOTAL**

**AFTER** April 1<sup>st</sup> the fee increases by 50% to \$6.00 and \$12.00 plus the \$1.00 for the State Rabies Program and \$4.00 for the State Spay/Neuter Program.

Please be sure to bring documentation of rabies vaccination and neutering or spaying certificate when renewing or applying for a new license. These must be signed by a certified, licensed veterinarian. We **CANNOT** issue a license without this proof.

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### 2019 ANDOVER TOWN FIRE WARDEN REPORT

The fire warden issued 64 permits to kindle a fire this year. There were 15 wild fires reported to the State of Vermont which burned 22 acres.

Please continue to contact your fire warden at 875-3351. Also remember to call the fire dispatch number, 875-3200, every time you obtain a burning Permit. This call prevents the fire company from responding to a false alarm. (Sometimes folks think their neighbor is having a chimney fire).

Even though you do not need a permit when there is snow covering the ground, please call the dispatch number.

Your cooperation keeps us all safe and our State green.

Sincerely,  
Alan E. Plumb,  
Town Fire Warden

*Section IV*

***GENERAL  
INFORMATION***

## TOWN ORDINANCES

### 2015 TRAFFIC ORDINANCE

Pursuant to the provisions of **Title 23, V.S.A. section 1007 and 1008**, and **Title 24 V.S.A. sections 1971 and 2291(4)**, and such other general enactments as may be material hereto, it is hereby ordained by the Board of Selectmen of the Town of Andover that the following Traffic Ordinance is adopted for the Town of Andover, Vermont.

#### **ARTICLE I. DEFINITIONS**

The definitions of Title 23 V.S.A section 4 are incorporated by reference.

#### **ARTICLE II. SCOPE**

This ordinance establishes special traffic regulations on public highways within the Town of Andover, Vermont.

#### **ARTICLE III. TRAFFIC CONTROL DEVICES**

Not applicable.

#### **ARTICLE IV. SPEED REGULATIONS**

TH #49, Andover Ridge Road - No person shall operate a motor vehicle on Town Highway #49, Andover Ridge Road, at a speed in excess of thirty (30) miles per hour, commencing at the intersection of Town Highway #49 (Andover Ridge Road) and Town Highway #1 (Weston-Andover Road) encompassing the entire length of Andover Ridge Road. This regulation is pursuant to Title 19 § 304(7), and Title 24 § 1972, V.S.A.

#### **ARTICLE V. SIGNAGE**

The Town of Andover shall forthwith cause to be erected signs indicating the speed limits which shall be posted conspicuously within the limits of the highway.

#### **ARTICLE VI. GENERAL PROVISIONS**

##### **Section 1. Separate Offenses:**

Each violation of a provision of this ordinance shall be deemed a separate offense.

##### **Section 2. Penalties:**

The provisions of this ordinance shall be cumulative to the fullest extent permitted by law with the respect to all other statutes or ordinances now or hereafter adopted regardless of their order of passage or enactment.

**Section 3. Severability:**

The provisions of this ordinance are declared to be severable and if any provisions hereof be adjudged invalid such judgment shall not affect the validity of any other provisions.

**Section 4. Designation:**

This ordinance may be referred to as the Andover Traffic Ordinance and in a prosecution hereunder a copy of such ordinance, certified by the Town Clerk shall be prima facie evidence thereof. An allegation that the act constituting the offense charged is contrary to a specified provision of this ordinance shall be sufficient reference hereto.

**Section 5. Prior Ordinances:**

Any other ordinance or traffic regulation heretofore adopted by the Town of Andover, Vermont will remain in full force and affect.

**Section 6. Publication and Posting:**

This Ordinance shall be published in The Message for the Week on September 23, 2015 and shall be filed with the Town Clerk on September 15, 2015.

Adopted by the Board of Selectmen, Town of Andover, Vermont at its meeting held on the 14th day of September, 2015.

Harold Johnson

Barry Williams

Mark Gordon

Jean Peters

Christopher Plumb

**Andover Select Board**

**Citizens' Right to Petition**

Full text of this and all other Ordinances may be examined at the Andover Town Office.

To disapprove this Ordinance a petition for a vote signed by not less than 5% of the registered voters (20) must be presented to the Selectboard or the Town Clerk within 44 days following the date of adoption of this Ordinance.

When a petition is submitted, the legislative body shall call a special meeting within 60 days from the date of receipt of the petition.

This adopted Ordinance may be disapproved by a vote of a majority of registered voters, voting on the question.

**MOTOR VEHICLE ORDINANCE**

It is hereby ordained and enacted as an ordinance of the Town of Andover, in the County of Windsor, State of Vermont, by the duly elected Selectmen of said Andover as follows:

No person shall operate a motor vehicle upon the Town Highway #1 at a speed in excess of thirty (30) miles per hour, commencing .2 miles west of the "Lamson Bridge" #7, on or near the premises of Reino and Dorothy Bergquist, thence running westerly along said highway to a point .4 miles east of the School House" Bridge #8. The same being a thickly settled part of town. This regulation is pursuant to Title 19 § 304(7), and Title 24 § 1972, V.S.A. Any act, ordinance or by-law inconsistent with the foregoing act, ordinance or by-law, is hereby repealed.

It is further enacted and ordained that the Selectmen shall forthwith cause to be erected signs indicating the speed limits which shall be posted conspicuously within the limits of the highway.  
Dated at Andover, Vermont this 10<sup>th</sup> day of October, 1988. Signed by the Board of Selectmen.

### **TRAFFIC ORDINANCE**

Pursuant to the provisions of Title 22, V.S.A., section 1007 and 1008, and Title 24, V.S.A. sections 1971 and 2291(1)(4) and (5), and such other general enactments as may be material hereto, it is hereby ordained by the Board of Selectmen of the Town of Andover that the following Traffic Ordinance is adopted for the Town of Andover, Vermont.

#### **ARTICLE I. DEFINITIONS**

The definitions of Title 23, V.S.A. section 4 are incorporated by reference.

#### **ARTICLE II. SCOPE**

This ordinance establishes special traffic regulations on public highways within the Town of Andover, Vermont.

#### **ARTICLE III. TRAFFIC CONTROL DEVICES**

Not applicable.

#### **ARTICLE IV. SPEED REGULATIONS**

TH#1 - The Andover Motor Vehicle Ordinance dated October 10, 1998 remains in effect unchanged.

TH #2 - A maximum speed of 40 MPH from TH #2 southern terminus on TH #1 to MM 2.5 then 35 MPH through the northern terminus of TH #2 at MM 5.1.

TH #25 – A maximum speed of 35 MPH from its southern terminus at Vermont route 11 north to its northern terminus at TH #1.

TH #28 – A maximum speed of 35 MPH from its southern terminus at Vermont route 11 North to its northern terminus at TH #1.

ADOPTED BY THE ANDOVER BOARD OF SELECTMEN on DECEMBER 22, 1997.

### **TOWING ORDINANCE**

Enacted and ordained by the Selectmen of Andover, Vermont this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of January 1976.

It is hereby enacted and ordained by the Selectmen of Andover that parking of motor vehicles is prohibited on the plowed or traveled portion of any Town Highway within the geographical limits of the Town of Andover from January 1 to December 31 of any year. Motor vehicles parked contrary to this

regulation are subject to be removed at the expense of the owner or the person in control of said motor vehicle. The Town or its officers, agents or servants shall not be liable for damages resulting in the removal of the motor vehicles under this regulation.

### **URANIUM ORDINANCE**

Enacted and ordained by the Selectmen of Andover, Vermont this 25<sup>th</sup> day of March, 1980 A.D.

It is hereby enacted and ordained by the Selectmen of Andover that the milling and mining of uranium or other fissionable materials is hereby prohibited within the geographical limits of the Town of Andover.

### **UNDER ROAD UTILITY LINE ORDINANCE Town of Andover, Vermont**

It is hereby ordained and enacted as an ordinance at the Town of Andover, in the County of Windsor, State of Vermont, by the duly elected Selectmen of said Andover as follows:

“Excavation of any roadway in the Town of Andover for the purpose of installing underground utility lines may be done only by permit issued by the Town of Andover.

Once a permit is issued, written notice must be given to the town and a fee paid at least 15 days prior to the commencement of work. The notice must specify the date and time of the proposed work. All work must be witnessed by a town official or someone designated by the town to be an observer.

All buried utility lines must be enclosed in PVC Schedule 40 (or equivalent) conduit at a depth that is a minimum of 4ft. below the level of the lowest drainage ditch. (For example, if the bottom of the lowest drainage ditch on the roadside is 2 ft. below the road surface, the utility line will be buried 6 ft. below the road surface).

A minimum of 6” of sand must be placed above, below and on both sides of the conduit. In addition, replacement of the fill and road surface must follow the specifications as outlined in the Andover Highway Ordinance.

A yellow warning tape shall be buried above the conduit at a depth of 2 ft. below the road surface.

The conduit must extend a minimum of 15 ft. on either side of the roadway before surfacing vertically to an above ground weatherproof junction box. Any junction boxes located within town right-of-way land must be identified by an 8ft. steel pole with the top 2 ft. painted orange. The conduits may also surface at an existing utility pole as an alternative. In such cases, a steel marker pole is not required.

All work must be done so as not to impede the flow of traffic. If there is no reasonable alternate route as determined by the town authorized observer, one lane must remain open. Flagmen shall be utilized as necessary at the discretion of the town authorized observer”.

**TRAILS ORDINANCE**  
**Town of Andover, Vermont**

**SECTION 1. AUTHORITY:** This is a civil ordinance adopted under authority of 19 V.S.A. 304(a)(5) and 24 V.S.A. 2291& 1971 and 2291(14).

**SECTION 2. PURPOSE:** The purpose of this ordinance is to address the subjects of use, environmental damage/preservation, noise, safety, responsibility and control of Andover's trails (as defined in Section 3d).

**SECTION 3. DEFINITIONS:** For the purposes of this ordinance, the following definitions shall apply:

- a. **MOTOR VEHICLE** shall include all vehicles propelled or drawn by power other than muscular power.
- b. **OPERATE, OPERATING or OPERATED** as applied to motor vehicles shall include **DRIVE, DRIVING, and DRIVEN** and shall also include an attempt to operate, and shall be construed to cover all matters and things connected with the presence and use of motor vehicles, whether they be in motion or at rest.
- c. **OWNER** shall include any person, corporation, co-partnership, organization, or association, holding legal title to a motor vehicle, or having exclusive right to the use or control thereof.
- d. **LEGAL TRAIL** shall be those that are designated as such on the State of Vermont Highway map, and for which there is a legal description in the Town of Andover's records. A Legal Trail is defined by the State of Vermont as a public right-of-way which is not a highway and which previously was a designated highway having the same width as the designated town highway, or a lesser width if so designated. It may also be a new public right-of-way laid out as a trail by the Select Board for the purpose of providing access to abutting properties and/or for recreational use. The Town shall not provide any maintenance or upkeep for trails.

**SECTION 4. USES:** Permitted uses of Andover's Legal Trails include the following:

- a. Walking, hiking, snowshoeing and cross country skiing
- b. Horseback- riding
- c. Mountain biking
- d. Limited snowmobiling. See Section 7B.

**SECTION 5. STRICTLY PROHIBITED USES AND ACTIVITIES:** These activities are strictly prohibited on Andover's Legal Trails:

- a. Any motor vehicle use. This includes ATVs, 2 and 4-wheel drive motor vehicles, tractors and snowmobiles.
- b. Unleashed dogs and other animals.
- c. Camping or making fires.
- d. Creating any damage to the trails. This includes such things as creating obstacles, cutting of trees, littering/dumping, changing watercourses, or creating significant erosion.
- e. Undue noise that may disturb property owners, wildlife, or domestic/farm animals.
- f. Property owners may not gate or obstruct a legal trail without written permission of the Select Board. This includes erecting a building across the right of way of said trail.

**SECTION 6. LEGAL RESPONSIBILITY/LIABILITY:** Neither the property owners nor the Town of Andover have liability for injuries to people that may occur while using the trails. (VSA Title 19, Section 302 (6)(e). Property owners still have a responsibility to not purposefully make the trail dangerous.

**SECTION 7. CONTROL:** The Select Board shall exercise control of Legal Trails to ensure their integrity as a public right-of-way by means which may include, but are not limited to, the following:

- a. The prohibition of use during mud season. Signs and notices may be used to accomplish this.
- b. Snowmobile use through the V.A.S.T. system that has historically used a particular trail prior to the year 2010 is permitted to continue. V.A.S.T. is required to get yearly written permission from the Select Board for use on all public roads and this will include Legal Trails.
- c. Logging may utilize a Legal Trail if no better means can be found. Written permission needs to be granted to the property owner by the Select Board. The trail must be left in passable condition.
- d. Utilities (electric/phone/cable/etc.) must be granted written permission by the Select Board to use legal trails for access. The trail must be left in passable condition.
- e. Permission for repair, maintenance, improvement, or restoration of Legal Trails by private property owners shall also require written approval by the Select Board.
- f. The Select Board has the right to close use of a Legal Trail if such trail is deemed badly damaged, dangerous, or otherwise a problem.

**SECTION 8. MISUSE OR DAMAGE TO THE TRAILS AS DESCRIBED IN SECTION 5:**

- a. A person found to violate any of the rules in Section 5 may incur a penalty of not more than \$500 and be required to repair any damages.

**SECTION 9. ENFORCEMENT:** Enforcement shall be performed by the Vermont State Police or State of Vermont Wildlife Officers. The Andover Town Constable will assist these agencies in helping report violations and to offer general education to the public.

**SECTION 10. SEVERABILITY:** If any portion of this ordinance is held unconstitutional or invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, the remainder of the ordinance shall not be affected.

**SECTION 11. EFFECTIVE DATE:** This ordinance shall become effective 60 days after its adoption by the Andover Select Board. If a petition is filed under 24V.S.A. 1973, that statute shall govern the taking effect of this ordinance and shall supersede and replace all previous ordinances, if in existence.

**Date: November 22, 2010**

Approved by: Harold Johnson, Sherry Willumitis, Paul S. Stumpf and Margaret van den Bergh,  
**Andover Select Board**

ADOPTION HISTORY:

1. Agenda item at regular Select Board meeting held on July 12, 2010.
2. Read and approved at regular Select Board meeting on July 26, 2010 and entered in the minutes of that meeting which were approved on August 9, 2010.
3. Posted in 5 public places on July 29, 2010.
4. Notice of adoption published in *The Message for the Week* newspaper on August 4, 2010 with a notice of the right to petition.
5. Petition signed by 5% of the registered voters received September 7, 2010.
6. Special Town Meeting Warnings posted in three places October 19, 2010.
7. Notice of Special Town Meeting sent to *The Message for the Week* on November 5, 2010 and published November 10, 2010.
8. Special Town Meeting held November 22, 2010.
9. Town of Andover, Vermont Trails Ordinance became effective November 22, 2010.

**TOWN OF ANDOVER  
POLICY FOR COLLECTION OF DELINQUENT TAXES**

The purpose of this policy is to establish clear guidelines so that all delinquent taxpayers will be treated fairly and will know what to expect concerning procedure for collecting delinquent taxes.

1. As soon as the warrant has been received, and each month thereafter, the tax collector will send a notice to each delinquent taxpayer indicating the amount of taxes, penalty and interest owed.
2. Only payment arrangements that will pay the bill in full before the due date of next year's bill will be accepted.
3. Mortgage holders and lien holders will be notified of the delinquent taxes 30 days after the first notice has been sent to the taxpayer and again prior to tax sale.
4. Partial payments will be applied first to the interest and 8% penalty portion of the amount due, and the remainder will be applied to the principal.
5. If the amount due is less than \$500.00 and no satisfactory payment arrangements have been made in one month from the date of the first notice, or if the prior payment agreement has not been met, the tax collector will file a complaint in small claims court.
6. If the amount due is \$500.00 or more and no satisfactory payment arrangements have been made in one month from the date of the first notice, or if the prior payment agreement has not been met, the tax collector will begin the following actions to conduct a tax sale of the property or as much of the property as is necessary to pay the tax, plus all costs and fees:
  - A. The collector will notify the taxpayer and all mortgage and lien holders of the tax sale decision, the date by which full payment must be received, and the costs to expect once the sale process begins.
  - B. If the deadline date has passed and full payment has not been received, the collector will proceed with a tax sale according to the procedures specified in 32 V.S.A. § 5252.
  - C. Costs of preparing and conducting the sale, including legal fees up to a maximum of 15% of the amount of the delinquent tax, will be charged to the delinquent taxpayer.
7. Each taxpayer has a right to apply for abatement of property taxes based on any of the grounds listed in 24 V.S.A. § 1535.
8. In the event that no one purchases the property at tax sale, or, if in the judgment of the tax collector, proceeding with the tax sale is inadvisable, the tax collector shall collect the delinquent taxes using any or all of the methods permitted by law.

Jeanette H. Haight  
Collector of Delinquent Taxes  
Town of Andover

**CEMETERY POLICY  
ANDOVER, VERMONT  
Effective January 1, 2005**

The Andover Cemetery Policy of July 1, 2003 has been amended by decision of the Andover Cemetery Commission at its meeting held November 11, 2004.

The amended Policy was adopted with the following Rules, Regulations and Definitions:

(1) The town cemeteries are: East Hill, Heald, Middletown, and Old Simonsville. Old Simonsville is closed to burials. Only the burial of cremated remains is permitted in Middletown Cemetery.

(2) Lots of 4' x 10' may be reserved at any time by qualified persons – subject to the discretion of the Cemetery Commission. The cost is \$200.00 per lot exclusive of any fee for the Sexton. The cremated remains of up to four persons may be allowed in one lot. Half lots (4' x 5') may be reserved for the burial of cremated remains only – up to two per half lot.

(3) Upon reservation of a lot (or half lot), and before a deed is given, permanent corner markers are to be placed with the assistance of the Cemetery Commission. Any expense for corner markers or their setting is the responsibility of the party reserving the lot. Once the corners are properly set a deed to the lot will be given the purchaser and a copy will be filed with the Commission's records at the Town Office. In the event a party holding a deed to a cemetery lot or lots should decide not to use it, he/she/they may transfer the lot or lots to another qualified person(s) for burial purposes. Such transfer shall be recorded with the Cemetery Commission. Lots may also be returned to the Cemetery Commission for a refund of the original purchase price.

(4) No burial shall be permitted in any town cemetery without written authorization of the Cemetery Commission. The letter or authorization shall be filed with the Commission's records at the Town Office.

(5) For purposes of this Policy "qualified person(s)" shall be current or former residents of the Town of Andover and their immediate families; and nonresident house owners who have owned a house in Andover for at least five years, and their spouses. "Person" shall not include corporations or partnerships.

(5b) For purposes of this Policy "resident" shall be defined as it is by the State of Vermont for voting and other purposes; "immediate family" shall include those persons who fall within the categories of parent, spouse, sibling, or child – whether related by blood, legal adoption, or marriage/civil union.

(5c) In addition, any member of the immediate family of any person buried in a town cemetery as of the effective date of this policy may also reserve a lot or lots in the same cemetery, subject to the discretion of the Cemetery Commission.

(6) Anyone interested in donating a parcel of land, preferably cleared, for a town or public cemetery is encouraged to speak with the Cemetery Commission. A donor of one quarter acre or more may reserve four burial lots without charge.

**Adopted by the 2004 Andover Cemetery Commission**  
Reino Bergquist, Nicholas Baker and Albert Williams

## ANDOVER TOWN HALL USE REGULATIONS

The use of the Andover Town Hall and its facilities is intended, primarily, for Andover residents and/or taxpayers. The Andover Select Board, in conjunction with the Town Clerk, is responsible for overseeing the operation, use, and inspection of the Town Hall.

Application for the resident or non-resident use of the Andover Town Hall shall be made to the Andover Town Clerk with the required fee and security deposit. A key to the Town Hall will be issued to the responsible party (See Use Regulation #1 below) by the Town Clerk, upon receipt of a signed rental agreement and a \$150.00 refundable security deposit.

### **Use Regulations:**

1. One person of the group permitted to use the Town Hall shall sign the Rental Agreement and be identified to the Town Clerk as the responsible party for assuring compliance with these regulations and shall be required to remain on the premises for the duration of the event.
2. No alcoholic beverages are allowed in any part of the Town Hall
3. Smoking is not allowed in any part of the Town Hall
4. All appliances shall be left in a clean, ready-to-use condition.
5. Bathrooms shall be left in a clean, ready-to-use condition.
6. Floors shall be swept and cleaned as necessary.
7. Tables and chairs shall be put back where they were found.
8. No Town property shall be removed from the Town Hall (including, but not limited to: tables, chairs, appliances, utensils and/or supplies).
9. All trash generated by a non town- sponsored function shall be removed from town property at the time of clean-up prior to inspection by the Town Clerk or Select Board.
10. A list of Town Hall heating, appliance, electrical, water, window and door requirements is posted on the Town Hall kitchen bulletin board and is available from the Town Clerk. Anyone using the Town Hall shall comply with those requirements.
11. Users will be responsible for, and liable to, the Town for all repairs to the facilities required as a result of damage caused by users. Any damage occurring during the use of the Town Hall shall be reported to the Town Clerk as soon as possible with the user responsible for the necessary repair or replacement cost thereof.
12. A schedule of fees for Town Hall rental will be available in the Town Office where applications, availability and reservations may be made.

**Adopted 9.26.2016 by the Andover Select Board**

*Section V*

***REPORTS  
OF LOCAL  
AGENCIES &  
ORGANIZATIONS***

## Services Available to Andover Residents

**Senior Solutions Help Line:** (800) 642-5119 (formerly Council on Aging). Springfield, Vermont

Refers seniors to a wide variety of services, provides case managers who can guide elders through Federal and State programs including Medicare, Medicaid and Social Security and help apply for food, benefits, long term care, rides, and other services. Under the Senior Companion Program, anybody 60 and over may be eligible for friendly visits of a few hours.

**Three Squares** (800) 642-5119

A Vermont State program for those aged 60 or older which replaces Food Stamps with monthly cash deposits to your bank account or debit card. Eligibility is tied to your income level.

**Meals on Wheels:** (802) 885-5879 Springfield, Vermont

Meals are delivered five days a week throughout the area. Suggested voluntary donation of \$3.00 per meal.

**Green Mountain RSVP** (Retired Senior Volunteer Program). (802) 885-2083 Springfield, Vermont

This non-profit organization matches volunteers, age 55 and over, with meaningful work.

**Neighborhood Connections** Phone (802) 824-4343 Londonderry, Vermont

Social workers assist with applying for food, fuel, nursing and medical care programs.

**SEVCA** (Southeastern Vermont Community Action) (800) 464-9951 Westminster, Vermont

Offers a broad range of goods and services for Vermonters of all ages.

**Just Neighbors** Phone (802) 787-1225 Weston, Vermont

Has an emergency fund for heating fuel, delivers firewood for wood-burning stoves, and offers transportation.

**Community Cares** (802) 875-6341 Chester, Vermont

For elders in both Chester and Andover. Friendly visits and phone calls are offered plus local shopping, rides to appointments and other destinations.

**Chester – Andover Family Center** (802) 875-3236 908 Vermont Rte 103 South, Chester, Vermont

The center maintains a well-stocked “store” with good, clean used clothing of all types and sizes in return for a donation according to your means. Also available: bedding & other household items, family food packages, gas cards and small cash grants

### Area Churches

Andover Community Church	875-3982	St. Luke's Episcopal Church	875-6000
First Universalist Parish	875-3257	Weston Priory	824-5409
First Baptist Church of Chester	875-2638	St. Joseph's Church	875-2610

**Andover Word:** [andover250@vermontel.net](mailto:andover250@vermontel.net) serves as a community bulletin board. Send an email to this address if you would like to be added.

Through contributions, Andover has a great collection of second-hand hospital beds, walkers, canes, wheelchairs, shower chairs, handheld reacher/grabbers, crutches, commodes & a motorized scooter which you may borrow. Call the Town Office 875-2765.

**Vermont 211:** A toll-free number offered by The United Way connects callers of all ages with needed services of all kinds.

## 2019 CHESTER AMBULANCE SERVICE REPORT

The ambulance service responded on 407 calls out of a 411 dispatched during 2019. A total of 403 patients were seen due to calls within the towns of Chester (322), Andover (31), Ludlow (40), Cavendish (2), Proctorsville (5), Springfield (4) and North Springfield (1) as a result of the following types of incidents:

220 Medical Emergencies	45 MVC's (Motor Vehicle Crashes including motorcycle, ATV and snowmobile)	
71 Traumatic Incidents by other cause	6 Stand-By Requests by Fire, Police, etc.	
25 Public Assists	3 Transfers	37 Cancellations

Our above dispatched total represents a decrease by 23 under the 433 dispatched during 2018 and is the first time I have witnessed a decrease in any year to year call volume for a very long time. However, 2018 was an exceptionally busy year and as numbers stand, the 2019 dispatched total remains as increase over the 378 dispatched during 2017.

Even though 2019 was mainly a routine year, we did experience a few financial obstacles. One being an unusual string of critical calls during September and October for which additional and more expensive supplies and or medications were utilized with the second obstacle being a couple of mechanical problems with the ambulance placing it out of service for a few days each time as costly repairs were affected. As a result, to also include unexpected inflation percentages with some items, associated excess line expenditures were experienced within the 2019 budget. However, we were successful in keeping the bottom line for total ambulance expense to under the budgeted total with line adjustments being made to the proposed budget for 2020.

During the weekend of April 13 and 14, a group of EMS personnel and Chester Firefighters attended a Tactical Emergency Casualty Care course (TECC) held at Green Mountain High School. This course prepares and certifies responders to enter active shooter situations along with police to perform life-saving procedures for people injured prior to any possibility of safely initiating rescue and or evacuation. Between our two departments, I believe we now have 13 people certified to begin this type of operation prior to arrival of other teams from around the State.

I would like to thank the Chester Volunteer Rescue Squad for support towards purchase of the ballistic equipment needed for the now TECC certified members of our ambulance service at over \$7000.00, but that does not include the additional supplies needed. For that purchase, you will find an increase of \$3500.00 to our 2020 ambulance equipment line to go towards our departments share of said equipment needs.

During 2019 we also welcomed a new addition into our EMS family as the youngest member and hopeful future provider for our service. Lorenzo Silva was born September 1, 2019 to Chester Ambulance Administrative Assistant, Amanda Silva and her Husband Wemerson Silva. We congratulate and wish them all happy and healthy lives together.

Recruitment plus retention of volunteers continues to be a difficult task so we do remain committed with our pursuit of new staff. If anyone is interested in EMS or if even curious about what EMS involves, please contact us; Dan Cook at (802) 875-3134(H), (802) 289-7216 (C), [Dan.Cook@chestervt.gov](mailto:Dan.Cook@chestervt.gov) or Amanda Silva at (802) 875-2160, [Amanda.Silva@chestervt.gov](mailto:Amanda.Silva@chestervt.gov) or either of us at [ambulance@chestervt.gov](mailto:ambulance@chestervt.gov).

We would like to thank all town departments of Chester and Andover including all officials and Select Boards; the members of the Chester Volunteer Rescue Squad, Chester Fire Department, Yosemite Engine Company, Ludlow Ambulance, Hartford Dispatch, the emergency room staff at Springfield Hospital and all other surrounding mutual aid organizations. It is with continued support from all, including the taxpayers of Chester and Andover that enables us to continue operation at our current level of care.

I would also like to extend my personal appreciation to all staff as well as thank their respective loved ones for gracious acceptance of any subsequent loss of family time throughout 2019. They are an incredible group of individuals with dedication that preserves our ability to continue.



(Personnel listed below are not in order specific to the picture with some missing from the picture)

Advanced Emergency Medical Technicians (AEMT): Jeff Knisely, Rebekah Martens and Eric Martens

Emergency Medical Technicians (EMT): Mary Ann Bonneville, Amanda Silva, Dillan Coburn, Meghan Thomas, Michael Steuwe, Elizabeth Brothers, Laurie Cloud, Rachel Booth and Michael Randzio

Emergency Medical Responders (EMR): Rebecka Randzio and Michaela Gregory

Drivers: Greg Gomo, Alyssa LeTourneau, Montana LeTourneau and Brianna Dyer

Ride Along members Christina LeTourneau and Meekah Hance

In addition, I would like to recognize that Alyssa LeTourneau, Meekah Hance and Rebecka Randzio are currently enrolled in EMT courses due to end soon. We wish each of them our best towards licensure and good luck throughout the testing process.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Daniel Cook, Coordinator

## 2019 REPORT OF THE FIRE CHIEF

The Chester Fire Department responded to the following 180 calls in 2019:

Structure Fires Chester	4	Swift Water/Flooding/Ice Rescues	1
Structure Fires Andover	0	Snow / ATV Woods Rescue/Recov.	3
Structure Fires Mutual Aid	12	Landing Zones (DHART)	4
Rekindle Fires	0	Missing/Lost Person	2
Room/Contents Fires	0	Public Services	5
Building Electrical Fires	0	Fireworks Detail	1
Chimney Fires	1	Fire Safety Education	5
Vehicle Fires	1	Storm Crews	1
Appliance Fires	1	Road Hazards	0
Oven Fires	0	Power Lines Down	23
Trash/Rubbish Fires	0	Assist CPD / VSP	2
Dumpster Fires	1	Medical Assist	3
Gas Grill Fires	0	Cover Assignment / Mutual Aid	2
Illegal Fires	2	Smoke Alarms	7
Forest/Brush/Grass Fires	3	Fire Alarms	28
Brush/Grass Fires Mutual Aid	0	Smoke Investigations	1
Water Leak Hazards	0	(LP) Propane Leaks	5
Motor Vehicle Crashes	42	Carbon Monoxide Calls	10
Motor Vehicle Crash Fatal	0	Hazmat Incidents	3
Low/High Angle Rescues	1	Active Shooter/Bomb Scare	3

Chester Fire Department call volume stayed steady this year with no increase. We did have an increase in Motor Vehicle Crashes by 10. We had other categories that came down one or two evening it out. Motor Vehicle Crashes rise every year, so please drive safely.

Our firefighters continue to train at a minimum of 3 times a month, in addition to multiple weekend classes and for some of our firefighters week-long classes. I am very grateful for our men and women that sign up for these weekend and week-long classes. These men and women already work full time jobs and have families, yet they still sign up for extra training and duty. This kind of dedication is essential in our continued effort to provide the Towns of Chester and Andover the best services we can.

Chester Fire Department has continued to climb the ladder of respect with other towns and in a lot of cases, we are the first due engine to surrounding towns. In common terms this means when another town is requesting help we are the first to get called. This is attributed to our upgrade in training and safety which allows us to provide an excellent service with very knowledgeable and trained crews.

I would like to thank all mutual aid fire departments that respond to the town of Chester and Andover as part of our mutual aid pact. Oftentimes, incidents are larger or more intense than the man-power of our department can sustain, and it is through this mutual aid agreement that each town has the necessary coverage when they need it the most. These responses can be anything from assisting on- scene to sitting in our station for hours prepared to respond to additional calls within Chester and Andover, while our crews are already engaged in an intense call. Our mutual aid pact is made up of fire departments throughout the entire state, but I would particularly like to point out and thank Proctorsville and Springfield Fire Departments that we work and train with daily.

Every year we try to recognize an area of support that we do not fill well enough for our citizens. This past year we started to work with Springfield Fire Department and Windsor Fire Department to provide a more trained Technical Rescue Response to our communities. As it currently stands, we would need have the State Team activated which can take hours. We have teamed up with these two other departments to provide a more regional

response so that we can provide trained Technical Rescue Personnel immediately rather than in hours. We have been training all year for this and will continue in the upcoming year and years to come.

I would like to congratulate Firefighter Gary Langevin and Firefighter Bruce Savery who were both recognized this year for their dedication to Chester Fire Department. Firefighter Langevin was awarded the Firefighter of the Year and Firefighter Savery was awarded the Chief's Award. Congratulations to you both, you earned it and it is well-deserved.

I would like to thank the Yosemite Engine Company which is our private non-profit organization made up of current and past members of the fire department that raise money to buy and donate equipment to the Fire Department to help keep the cost of business lower for tax payers. I would also like to thank the Chester Fire Department Auxiliary which is made up of the immediate family and significant others of current firefighters. They provide any assistance needed when called upon.

Most importantly I would like to thank all my Firefighters and their families. Robert MacAllister, Ben Whalen, George Niesuchouski, Steve Vertefeulle, Andrew Sheere, Mark Verespy, Eric Richardson, James Ravlin, Amber Wilson, Nicholas Trask, Larry Edwards, Bruce Savery, Matthew Goyette, Daniel Lamson, Lucas Trask, Gary Langevin, Kimberly Hains, Madison Wilson and Chad Carey Jr. These men, women and children give up so much to make all homes and lives safer in this town. You are all truly heroes.

I would like to end this year's annual report by thanking the Citizens and Taxpayers of Chester. Your support during the vote of the new Emergency Service Building was very overwhelming. We look forward to the construction to begin in April.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Matthew S. Wilson  
Chester Fire Chief

Chester Fire Department Working a Structure Fire Chester



## 2019 Whiting Library Annual Report

### At a Glance

*Open 200 days*

*14,000+ items circulated*

*800 + computer uses*

*115 items loaned to other Vermont libraries and 165 borrowed*

*100+ children's programs attended by over 700 kids*

*20+ programs for adults*

### We Offer

*over 13,000 books*

*1100+ DVDs    300+ CDs*

*220 Graphic Novels*

*Telescope, cake pans, garden tools, craft kits*

Whiting Library celebrated Black History Month, Women's History Month, National Library Week with "Blind date with a book," and June Pride Month. We gave away wildflower and vegetable seeds, tote bags, coffee mugs, and participated in Vermont Libraries Passport Program.

Susan Ronsheim graciously hosted lively monthly book discussions: Bread and Roses, Too by Katherine Paterson, Whose Body by Dorothy Sayers, A Tree Grows in Brooklyn by Betty Smith, Big Oyster by Mark Kurlansky, Nine Months to Gettysburg by Howard Coffin, The Strange in the Woods by Michael Finkel, Ender's Game by Orson Scott Card, History of the Future by James Howard Kunstler, Real American: A Memoir by Julie Lythcott-Haims, Good Poems, American Places and Good Poems for Hard Times edited by Garrison Keillor, and Still Life by Louise Penny.

Library patrons borrowed family passes to The Nature Museum, ECHO, Vermont History Museum, Precision Museum, Vermont day use parks and Vermont historic sites. This year, thanks to the generosity of Edgar May Recreation Center, we were able to offer family day passes to the Springfield exercise and pool facilities.

A new "park" bench was installed in front of the Library thanks to the Town of Chester and the Vermont Country Store. Chester Townscapes' plantings added color and seasonal beauty. Lillian Willis presented the children's room with a donation from the annual LEGO contest through St. Luke's Episcopal Church. The Library also received a serigraph of The Perkinsville Bridge by Harry L. Hoffman who lived part-time in Chester in the 1940's.

Malcolm Sommers attended to the critical restorations of Vermont Room books to ensure these valuable historic resources will stand up to researchers for decades to come.

Our annual fall book sale during the Fall Foliage Festival broke previous records, raising over \$1500. Guests from Bethel Historical Society joined us that day selling Vermont's Elusive Architect: George H. Guernsey (Whiting Library is on page 77).

Stephanie Kaufman joined us as Children's Librarian. In her nine months at Whiting she spoke to 3<sup>rd</sup> grade classes about the Library and its place in the community, served as guest reader at the preschool, represented the Library at Vermont Sci-fi and Fantasy Expo in Essex Jct., and spoke at Chester Rotary. Stephanie conducted Friday Story-times, CAES after-school programs, and LEGO maker space each week and helped the LEGO maker space transform with more storage for works-in-progress. Unfortunately, Stephanie resigned from the library to take a great new librarian position in Texas. We are fortunate to have Carrie King as our new Children's Librarian.

Through the generosity of The Kyrias Foundation and a summer reading performance grant from The Vermont State Library we were able to offer great reading incentives and prizes as well as a “carnival” to conclude the summer programs. During “A Universe of Stories” in July and August, 59 children read 330 books!

The Nature Museum conducted 10 free “unplugged” workshops during the summer as well as an all-ages tracking outing. “Reversing Global Warming” was presented by Laurel Green. “Frauds, scams and con artists, coming to a computer near you” was offered by AARP, “Sustainable living” was taught by Cheryl Lipton, and we crafted miniature worlds in candy tins. Janalene Gould displayed vibrant artwork of Tribal Masks.

In the spring, Whiting Library received a generous donation from Warren Mackensen. His commitment to the town he remembers from childhood, and to the education of children in Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Mathematics resulted in a new collection of STEAM books. Mr Mackensen lived in Chester from 1948 until he left for Annapolis in June 1966 where he earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Electrical Engineering from the U. S. Naval Academy (1970). He also holds an MBA from the University of Massachusetts at Dartmouth and a Master of Science degree from the College for Financial Planning, Denver, CO. Warren is a Registered Professional Engineer in Mechanical Engineering. His sister Barbara Anne Mackensen Hoffmann also donated a charming sculpture of a reading child.

As a result of a generous matching contribution from Chester Rotary the Library was successful in acquiring a grant from the Pilcrow Foundation. 95 children’s books (a \$1600 value) arrived in December and will be ready to circulate in early 2020.

Mariette Bock completed her tenure having served as Library Trustee from 1989-1993 and 2010-2018 She also served as librarian 1986-1989, and was honored with Vermont House Resolution for her “extraordinary devotion to Whiting Library.”

Volunteers: Doris Hastings, Jonne Adler, Chris Blodgett, Mark Tanzer, Cathy Hasbrouck, Susan Ronsheim, Heleen Linn, Bob and Alice Martin, John Donorum, Christine, Michael and Steve Copping.

Board of Trustees: Kathy Pellett-Chair, Judi Copping-Vice Chair, Ed Grossman-Treasurer, Lyza Gardner-Secretary, Colleen Garvey, Vanessa Heyburne, David Lord.

Staff: Sharon Tanzer-Director, Will Wilcox- Assistant, Stephanie Kaufman and Carrie King-Youth Services



# Southern Windsor/Windham Counties Solid Waste Management District



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[www.vtsolidwastedistrict.org](http://www.vtsolidwastedistrict.org)

The District was chartered in 1981 and currently serves fourteen Vermont towns. Each member municipality appoints a representative and an alternate to serve on the Board of Supervisors. Andover's representative is Joe Fromberger; the alternate position is vacant.



The District hosted four backyard composting workshops in spring 2019 and we plan to continue that schedule in 2020. Attendees were able to purchase a composter for the greatly discounted price of \$30.00 (additional units were \$50). These prices will be offered again. Composters make great presents – call the office to arrange a purchase – 674-9235 – only \$50! All food scraps will be banned from the landfill as of July 1, 2020. The Springfield Transfer Station accepts food scraps for free (including meat and bones).



Five hundred and twenty-four people brought household hazardous waste (HHW) to the District's three collections in FY19, including sixteen Andover residents. The District will hold two HHW events in 2020 – dates and times to be determined.



Several retailers accept unwanted paint year-round. Bring paint to Bibens Ace Hardware or Sherwin-Williams in Springfield, or LaValley's or Aubuchon Hardware in Ludlow during regular business hours and dispose of it for free (cans must be labeled, not leaky, not rusty). Find out what happens to the paint at [paintcare.org](http://paintcare.org).



Vermont recycles more batteries per capita than any other state in the country. AA, AAA, C, D, 9v, hearing aid, coin cell, tool, and rechargeable batteries are "special recycling" and do NOT go in with other recycling. Bring them to the Springfield Transfer Station, or to the Town Office which has a collection bucket.

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas J. Kennedy  
District Manager

Mary T. O'Brien  
Recycling Coordinator

Ham Gillett  
Outreach Coordinator





## **SENIOR SOLUTIONS (COUNCIL ON AGING FOR SOUTHEASTERN VERMONT, INC.)** **ANNUAL REPORT**

Senior Solutions -- Council on Aging for Southeastern Vermont, Inc. -- has served the residents of Andover and Southeastern Vermont since 1973. We have offices in Springfield (main office), White River Junction and Brattleboro. Our mission is to promote the well-being and dignity of older adults. Our vision is that every person will age in the place of their choice, with the support they need and the opportunity for meaningful relationships and active engagement in their community.

Many of our services are available regardless of income. However, we target our resources to those older adults with the greatest social and economic needs. Supporting caregivers is an important part of our work. Senior Solutions can help caregivers assess their family's needs and options, connect with resources and local programs and provide short-term relief (respite) for those who are caring for loved ones.

We continually seek funding from new sources to enable us to do more for people. This past year we received grants from the National Council on Aging to expand our outreach to vulnerable elders, the Granite United Way to expand our Friendly Visitor and Veteran to Veteran program and the US Department of Justice to assist victims of abuse in later life. Clients are given the opportunity to make a voluntary contribution to help support the services they receive. We also seek donations from the public and have established a planned giving program through the Vermont Community Foundation.

This is a summary of services provided to Andover residents in the last year (10-01-18 through 09-30-19):

**Information and Assistance:** 18 Calls and Office Visits. Our toll-free Senior HelpLine (1-800-642-5119) offers information, referrals and assistance to seniors, their families and caregivers to problem-solve, plan, locate resources and obtain assistance with benefits and completing applications. Callers were assisted with applying for benefits, health insurance problems, housing needs, fuel assistance and many other services. Extensive resources are also described at [www.seniorsolutionsVT.org](http://www.seniorsolutionsVT.org).

**Medicare Assistance:** 4 residents received assistance with Medicare issues through our State Health Insurance Assistance Program (SHIP). Our SHIP program provides Medicare education and counseling, "boot camps" for new Medicare enrollees and assistance in enrolling in Part D or choosing a drug plan.

**In-Home Social Services:** We provided 7 elder residents with in-home case management or other home-based services for 104 hours to enable them to remain living safely in their homes. Often minimal services can prevent premature institutionalization. A case manager works with an elder in their home to create and monitor a plan of care, centered on the elder's personal values and preferences. Many people would not be able to remain in their homes but for the services of Senior Solutions. Senior Solutions also investigates reports of self-neglect and provides assistance to those facing challenges using a community collaboration approach.

**Other Services:** Senior Solutions supports a variety of other services including health, wellness and fall prevention programs, legal assistance (through Vermont Legal Aid), assistance for adults with disabilities and home-based mental health services. Senior Solutions has a flexible "Special Help Fund" that can help people with one-time needs when no other program is available.

Our agency is enormously grateful for the support of the people of Andover.

Submitted by Carol Stamatakis, Executive Director.

**VISITING NURSE AND HOSPICE FOR VT AND NH**  
***Home Health, Hospice and Skilled Pediatric Services in Andover, VT***

Visiting Nurse and Hospice for Vermont and New Hampshire (VNH) is a compassionate, non-profit healthcare organization committed to providing the highest quality home health and hospice services to individuals and their families. VNH provides care for people of all ages and at all stages in life, and delivers care to all, regardless of ability to pay.

VNH services reduce costs associated with town programs for emergency response and elder care. With quality care provided at home, there is less need for costly hospital and emergency room trips. And with VNH support, residents can age in place rather than relocating to a state or local nursing home.

Between July 1, 2018 and June 30, 2019 VNH made 176 homecare visits to 11 Andover residents. This included approximately \$7,084 in unreimbursed care to Andover residents.

- Home Health Care: 176 home visits to 11 residents with short-term medical or physical needs.

Additionally, residents made visits to VNH wellness clinics at local senior and community centers throughout the year, receiving low- and no-cost services including blood pressure screenings, foot care, and flu shots.

Andover's annual appropriation to VNH helps to ensure that all have access to quality care when and where it is needed most. On behalf of the people we serve, we thank you for your continued support.

Sincerely,



*Hilary Davis, Director Community Relations and Development (1-888-300-8853)*



**The Current Town Report Town of Andover FY 20**

We thank you again for Andover's contribution last year of \$125. As a private non-profit 501c3 transportation company since 2003, The Current relies heavily and more than ever on local contributions. These funds allow us to draw down federal funds and provide operating support and the required match for our new vehicles. Andover has contributed to us for many years, and we thank you again for your support.

The Current's mission is to provide a safe, reliable and efficient transportation system that supports economic opportunity and quality of life for the 30 Windham and southern Windsor County towns we serve. We operate bus routes and senior and disabled non-emergency medical transportation services through our fleet of 23 buses, vans, and a network of 15 volunteer drivers. We receive state and federal grants, contributions from towns and resorts, fares, and contributions from our human service partners.

The Current's total operating expenses last year were \$2,642,941. We provided 153,691 bus, van, taxi, and volunteer rides. Our buses and vans traveled 872,290 miles over 29,500 hours.

Andover's contribution supports continuing public transit in your town and throughout the region. Service levels vary by town and from year by year. A town's transportation needs can be minimal some years and large the next. We need your help to remain a healthy company to be able to respond to needs of the elderly, disabled, or in an emergency or crisis when the need arises.

We are requesting a \$125 contribution from the Town of Andover this year. We hope you will support our funding request.

We are always seeking input to improve our services. Please contact me to let us know how The Current may improve service in your community.

Thank you!

Sincerely,  
*Rebecca Gagnon*

Rebecca Gagnon  
General Manager

COMMUNITY CARES NETWORK  
OF  
CHESTER/ANDOVER, INC.

Community Cares Network of Chester/Andover, Inc. helps the senior citizens of Chester/Andover to stay in their own homes safely. CCN, INC. provides transportation to doctors and hospital appointments. We also assist with record keeping, friendly visiting and check-ins, shopping, and miscellaneous services. We help people get to the Chester/Andover Family Center and Food Shelf.

CCN, INC. sponsors a low-impact exercise group for senior citizens to help them maintain their health. We sponsor social activities and potlucks. We also try to keep our senior citizens educated on many health issues.

This year CCN, INC. worked with the Chester Ambulance and Chester Rescue Squad to host an information session for the senior citizens where members of the Ambulance and the Rescue Squad explained a new DNR form that they are required to use. They answered many questions and took the time to explain a lot about their procedures.

CCN, INC. is continuing to work with Senior Solutions, Visiting Nurses & Hospice of Vt. and N.H. CCN, INC. also works with the Chester/Andover ministerium to assist senior citizens in need.

CCN, INC. has been able to give our clients emergency kits which have been very well received.

This fall CCN, INC. board was able to celebrate our volunteers with an appreciation luncheon.

CCN, INC. held its annual spring Spaghetti Dinner Fund Raiser in May at the Andover Town Hall. We also held our annual Apple Pie Fund Raiser in the fall. Our volunteers and clients worked together to make the apple pies for the sale. This year they made 105 pies!

Respectfully submitted by  
The Community Cares Network of Chester/Andover, Inc. Board



## Chester-Andover Family Center

Our Mission: *The Chester -Andover Family Center makes a difference in our community by providing resources for financial assistance, nutritional food, affordable clothing and household goods.*

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### The Chester-Andover Family Center

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- **History:** The Family Center has been providing relief from hunger and financial stress for the most vulnerable residents of Chester and Andover for thirty-two years. We are a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization, staffed by volunteers.
- **Partners:** Neighborhood Connections offers our financial assistance recipients counseling, assistance with budgeting, and referral to other sources of assistance. We also partner with the Vermont Foodbank, Healthy Harvest Network, Hunger Council of the Windham Region and other hunger relief and service organizations.
- **Thrift Shop:** We provide affordable, quality clothing, small housewares and linens. Thrift Shop income supports the Food Shelf, our Financial Assistance Program and operating expenses.
- **Food Shelf:** Over one hundred fifty households are enrolled to receive nutritious, supplemental food. Food is purchased from the Vermont Foodbank, area grocery stores, and local growers. Individuals and organizations donate money, shelf-stable food and fresh produce.
- **Financial Assistance Program:** The Family Center provides financial assistance for utilities, heating fuel, rent and transportation (gas cards).
- **Gratitude:** The Chester-Andover Board of Directors acknowledges and thanks our donors, the community and our volunteers who donate resources and time in support of our mission.

*"Making a difference in our community by providing resources for financial assistance, supplemental nutritional food, affordable clothing and household goods."*



## Southeastern Vermont Community Action

Southeastern Vermont Community Action is an anti-poverty, community-based, nonprofit organization serving Windham and Windsor counties since 1965. Our mission is to enable people to cope with and reduce the hardships of poverty; create sustainable self-sufficiency; and reduce the causes and move toward the elimination of poverty. SEVCA has a variety of programs and services to meet this end. They include: Head Start, Weatherization, Emergency Home Repair, Family Services/Crisis Resolution, (fuel & utility, housing and food assistance), Micro-Business Development, Vermont Matched Savings (asset building & financial literacy), Ready-for-Work (workforce development), Volunteer Income Tax Assistance, VT Health Connect Navigation, and Thrift Stores.

In the community of Andover, we have provided the following services during FY2019:

- Weatherization:** 1 home (1 person) received energy efficiency measures at a cost of \$24
- Emergency Heating System Replacement:** 1 home (1 person) received a heating system repair at a cost of \$396
- Head Start:** 2 families (8 people) received comprehensive early education and family support services with a value of \$32,344
- Family Services:** 5 households (16 people) received 25 services, valued at \$222 (including crisis resolution, financial counseling, nutrition education, forms assistance, referral to and assistance with accessing needed services)
- Fuel/Utility Assistance:** 4 households (9 people) received 5 assists valued at \$6,162
- Solar Energy Assistance (new):** 1 home (2 people) will receive \$30 in solar energy credits on their electric bill

Community support, through town funding, helps to build a strong partnership. The combination of federal, state, private, and town funds allow us to not only maintain, but to increase and improve service. We thank the residents of Andover for their continued support.

Stephen Geller, Executive Director  
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## 2019 Windsor County Youth Services Annual Report

In 2019 alone, Windsor County Youth Services has provided shelter services to 192 Vermont teens for shelter bed nights, and transitional living services to 9 young adults for 1,376 transitional living bed nights. Please see the tables below for details.

Transitional Living Program	Teens	Bed Nights
Girls	5	619
Boys	4	757
<b>Totals:</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>1376</b>

Shelter Program	Teens	Bed Nights
Girls	94	2017
Boys	89	3132
<b>Totals:</b>	<b>183</b>	<b>5149</b>

Windsor County Youth Services offers a range of services for Vermont's homeless and runaway teenagers. Mountainside House and the House at Twenty Mile Stream offer short-term crisis stabilization and emergency shelter for Vermont teens ages 13-18, and a transitional living program is offered at both residences for ages 17-22. W.C.Y.S. is also very proud to provide a school program, licensed by the VT Department of Education, to all residents.

Mountainside and the House at Twenty-Mile Stream continue to involve our boys and girls in community projects such as the Ludlow Community Garden, the Vermont Sunshine Society, Black River Good Neighbors, The Fletcher Memorial Library Annual Book Sale, and Green-up day in Ludlow, VT. Our residents enjoy the opportunity to give back to our communities while learning important and valuable life skills.

## 2019 Windsor County Budget

To: Windsor County Town Clerks  
From: Assistant Judges Jack Anderson and Ellen Terie  
RE: County News for inclusion in your town's Town Meeting Report  
Date: Jan. 16, 2020

The County held the preliminary budget meeting on December 11, and the final budget meeting on January 16. The 2020-2021 budget calls for the amount to be collected from countywide property taxes to be \$455,361, a slight increase of .016 % over the current year's amount of \$448,185. The tax rate will be .0048368 per hundred dollars. Last fiscal year, the rate was .0048571 per \$100 of valuation; the year before that it was .00483684 per \$100 of valuation. So, the rate is holding steady. What changes each year is the value of the grand list in the county, and in each town in the county.

For the 2020-2021 fiscal year, expenses are slightly down from FY 19-20 \$570,137 to \$568,333. Income is projected to be slightly up from FY 19-20 \$566,841 to \$568,333.

Pursuant to Title 24, § 134, the County Treasurer shall issue warrants on or before March 1 requiring the tax to be paid in two equal installments on or before July 5 and on or before November 5, 2020.

### **Construction Bond Repayment**

The Windsor County Court House rehabilitation was completed in 2014. We are now in the sixth year of repayment of the bond. A rate of .00257238 is assessed to collect the total 2020 bond repayment of \$240,747. As with the county tax, towns may elect to submit this bond repayment in two payments, on or before July 5 and November 5, 2020.

### **Projects completed in the Past Year**

The County completed the following projects on its properties at 12 The Green and 62 Pleasant Street:

The parking lot at the County Building was repaved and re striped;  
The courtroom lights were switched from metal halide bulbs to LED bulbs;  
We purchased and installed interior storm windows on the first and second floors of the Sheriff's office;  
The second story windows on the Court House were prepped and repainted;  
The entryway to WCTV 8 (our tenant upstairs at the County Building) was expanded and Hard packed;

In the works for the summer: a new roof membrane over the cell block in the rear of 62 Pleasant Street.